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Erica Fenn and her "Golden Cocoa Stand"

The accompanying photos, supplied by Teacher Reynolds, illustrate a few of the intriguing products, amply showing the creativity of young minds.



A black and white photograph of Susan Perkins, a woman with curly hair, standing next to a large, dark, abstract sculpture. The sculpture has a sign that reads "SUSAN PERKINS". The background is a wall with some text, including "MISSIONS" and "TRUCK".

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Dear Patients of Mercy Internal Medicine,

The physicians and staff at Mercy Internal Medicine regret to inform you of the departure of Dr. Timothy Macon, D.O., after six years of dedicated service to the Grayling and surrounding area. After many years of post-graduate training and numerous board certifications, Dr. Macon has found the opportunity to pursue his long-standing ambition to practice pulmonary and critical care medicine in a large metropolitan medical center in the Detroit area.

The physicians and associates at Mercy Internal Medicine assure you that we are available to meet the health care needs of Dr. Macon's established patients.

The future of the Mercy Primary Care network in Grayling and the surrounding communities looks very bright. Dr. George James has now started his practice at the Mercy Internal Medicine office, and Dr. Rajiv Nair is scheduled to open his practice here in February 1998. The addition of these two well-trained internists will greatly expand our flexibility to provide general internal medicine care for our community. The further expansion of our practice is pivotal to the ongoing quest to provide quality health care to Grayling and its surrounding communities.

We apologize for any inconvenience that Dr. Macon's departure causes, and hope that his patients will continue to seek their health care through the Mercy Primary Care network.

Sincerely,

Ferdinand J. Korneli

Ferdinand J. Korneli, D.O.
Director, Mercy Internal Medicine

Former head of DNR Tanner blasts Gov. Engler for assault on resources

LANSING—The man who revitalized the Great Lakes sport fishery by introducing Pacific salmon writes in the December issue of *Michigan Out-of-Doors* magazine that voters hold the key to ending Gov. John Engler's assault on Michigan's natural resources and environment.

Dr. Howard Tanner, director of the Department of Natural Resources from 1975 to 1983 and previously its fisheries chief, credits Michigan citizens for demanding long-overdue strides in conservation, pollution cleanup and environmental protection in past decades.

"Now, much of what has been achieved is in serious jeopardy," he says in the article. "We have elected and re-elected a governor who has skillfully and deliberately weakened and dispersed authority for protecting the values that constitute our heritage." Tanner says Engler has sought absolute control of the DNR and split it into two departments to create a more favorable climate for business and industry in Michigan.

"The Natural Resources Commission had always been the buffer

against politically inspired direction," Tanner notes. "By executive order the governor stripped most authority from this commission and transferred it to the DNR director. The governor then took control of the process for selecting and firing the director." Engler next transferred authority to enforce all environmental and most land-use laws from the DNR to the new Department of Environmental Quality, which operates without oversight by a citizen commission, the author further states.

"We as citizens are ultimately responsible for what our governmental leaders do, what they have

for program goals, and what laws are passed," Tanner writes. "The dismantling of our state's natural resource and environmental programs and standards has occurred only because we have allowed it to happen. We have chosen to elect and retain the governor and the Legislature, and with our silence and inertia have acquiesced to their actions."

"Our obligation as voters must be to re-energize our support for strong, scientific management of both natural resources and environmental programs. The officials we elect, from the governor on down, must be com-

mitted to the enhancement of these values that are currently neglected and ignored. Then, and only then, will we meet our greatest responsibility—to pass to those who will follow us a Michigan better than we inherited from those who preceded us."

Dr. Tanner, a resident of Haslett, was the first chairman of the Michigan Environmental Review Board. His honors include being inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and being ranked by the National Wildlife Federation, Trout Unlimited, and other organizations among leading conservationists.

Beaver Creeks' new rules for trash handling

Also they are available at Charles Country Corners, northwest corner of I-75 and Four Mile Rd., open 24 hours per day and in Roscommon at the Sunny Spot, 308 N. 5th St., hours Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 6 a.m. through midnight and Sunday, 7 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Bags will be available starting Dec. 18.

To help residents cut down on the amount of refuse going into their bag, recycling bins are now located at the transfer site. There is no charge for recycling, and items do not need to be in Beaver Creek Township bags when brought to the transfer site. The flyer mailed to all township taxpayers gives full recycling information. If residents need this information, call the township offices.

The decisions are in. Here is the needed news for Beaver Creek residents to handle their trash.

Thirty gallon bags will be sold in a 10 count roll for \$7.50 per roll. These mint green bags will be imprinted with "Beaver Creek Township" on them.

All garbage must be in this approved, pre-purchased bag, and the top closed with a twist tie. Bags cannot be purchased at the transfer site.

They may be purchased at the following three locations: Beaver Creek Township Offices, 8994 S. Oak Rd., hours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Noted also is that the transfer site hours and location remain the same. Current 1997 dump stickers (green/silver) are still needed for 1998 to recycle, drop off metal and to bring furniture items for cleanup days in the summer.

Questions on the new procedures, will be handled during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at (517) 275-8878.

So remember: when residents come to the transfer site on Saturday, Jan. 3, 1998, or Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998 trash must be in the mint approved bag—or they will not be allowed to leave it.

Long tabbed to spearhead county road 'task force'

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The subject of rerouting traffic to better accommodate the Forest Dunes project in South Branch Township has been broached on several occasions lately.

When the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) refused the developer another access to their service drive across state land, the news somewhat alarmed Crawford County commissioners.

The Board, therefore, has decided to act in favor of seeking a possible detour around fragile Kirtland Warbler habitat lands to oblige the developer. This 40 acre parcel of jack pine is the obstacle around which any potential access path must travel in order to reach the Forest

Dunes entry road more conveniently. "There are alternate roads,"

Commissioner Dennis Long said at the Commissioner's Dec. 9 meeting. Loren B. Ford of the Michigan Forest Service can take full credit for finding that alternative. The objective here is to reroute traffic onto Class A roads, and the potential for joining Four-Mile Rd. with Chase Bridge Rd. is apparent when looking at Ford's plan.

Of particular interest to Long and others is the possibility that much of the development's residential traffic might find its own alternative route and by-pass coming into Grayling. This, of course, might happen regardless of the ingress-egress routes designed to send traffic elsewhere.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff's report for Dec. 8 through Dec. 15, 1997.

One criminal sexual conduct, 1 burglary, 2 larceny, 6 public peace, 1 OUIL/QUID, 1 citation, 10 health and safety, 1 invasion of privacy, 2 Conser. and 1 miscellaneous crime.

Two minors, 13 accidents, 6 non-traffic accidents, 3 false alarms, 1 hazardous condition, 3 civil, 6 SuspSit, 1 natural death, 4 general assistance and 13 general non-criminal.

For a total of 78 calls.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period Dec. 18 through Dec. 24, 1997.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

For Further information, call (517) 348-3603 or 1-800-628-5820.

The Christian Youth Activity Center Calendar of Events Dec. - Feb.

Hours
Friday 5pm - 11pm
Saturday 1pm - 11pm
Sunday 1pm - 5pm
Monday 7pm - 10pm

Bible Study
Mondays 7pm - 8:30pm

Upcoming Events

December 19th
Christmas Party
6pm - 11pm
* E.R. Code Red Christmas production
* Games
* Door Prizes
* Music
* Pizza & Pop for sale
Free Admission

February 6th
Beach Party
7pm - 11pm
* Volleyball
* Barbeque

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health and safety programs, but we have no facility available to achieve this goal. We could train life guards. The majority of the life guards serving in the area camps are not trained in this area.

"We've used many creative financing methods in the past to fund programs, and I believe that grants could be found for swimming programs. Economically, I know we're at a disadvantage, but we need water safety programs."

Lynn Porritt-McConnell, director of the Chamber of Commerce, said that she was at the meeting to go on record: "The Chamber has agreed to support this issue, and I wanted to appear today to remind the Commissioners of that fact."

Bud Morgan, another spokesman for the Sports Complex said that "yes, the language was the same as that which appeared on the earlier ballot."

The center's sponsoring group was asking for a special election date of March 3, 1998, but admitted that holding off the election until more homework could be accomplished was a good idea. An August date is now being considered.

Chairman Bretzke agreed that the proposal should be reworked.

"If it's the same plan and the same wording, we can't recommend you try it again. The voters have already said 'no', so unless it calls for less money, or it's downgraded, or you have a different plan, you'll have a lot of trouble getting it passed," Bretzke said.

Morgan said they were realizing that.

"We did a lot of research after that election, and we know what we did wrong. The issues were cloudy, but

when we had a public meeting on it, nobody came," Morgan said.

He acknowledged that bringing the anticipated ballot language to the Commissioners just the day before their meeting and expecting them to take action was probably not in the best interest of the project either. Morgan also agreed to withdraw their wording and revise the language. Backers said that perhaps the configuration of the building would change — possibly to delete the plans for the auditorium/conference center, as a beginning point for the revision.

Commissioner Lynnette Corlew said that while she was listening to the various sides of the issue, she realized that "you'll have to change your proposal and take back the concerns of the citizens to your committee. Later, you can re-present the deal with the extra information included. If private enterprise is renting space and you have additional support, then it's a much different proposal."

A public meeting was held one day later on Dec. 10 at the Holiday Inn of Grayling. It did not get much advanced publicity, and was attended by approximately 20 persons both for and against the project.

The Sportsplex board currently consists of nine people, its chair being Tom Ritter of Grayling. Others on the board appearing at the Dec. 10 meeting to answer questions were Bud Morgan, Mike Shearer, Rick Davis, Linda Golnick, Shawn Kraycz, and Ken Eldridge.

Commissioners Corlew and Robert Smock also attended the meeting. And, although Corlew and Smock serve as co-chairs of the County's Parks Committee, they appeared as private citizens at this meeting.

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Frederic Elementary School winter concert



FREDERIC CONCERT — Kindergartners performed at the recent Winter Concert at Frederic Elementary School. Shown above, left to right: Billy Caid, Rachel Wilson, Anthony Robinson, Alicia Stanley, Brandie Trudeau, Arica Rockhold, Natosha Beaman, Ashley Newberry, Jessica Baker, Danielle Harwood.

Crawford Board again ponders position of county executive

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The position of a county manager or some type of county executive came to the foreground at a recent Personnel and Labor meeting of the Crawford County Commissioners.

Commissioner Robert Smock chairs this committee, and he voiced his concern that "there is no policy in place to evaluate department heads, either appointed or elected."

His reason for addressing the subject was that some of the appointed officials "were acting like they were elected."

Dennis Long, Commissioner from the City of Grayling said that "maybe they aren't all being treated equally or fairly, and we need to separate them."

Commissioner Kathy Black said "a performance review should be given to all department heads."

Anderson, Tackman and Company, the County's auditing firm, has been creating job descriptions of various positions on the courthouse employee roster. The

County Manager or Chief Executive Officer—however the position is eventually defined—will fall to the firm to assign duties and certain job requirement with all recommendations subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Smock said that he had been meeting with the county manager of Cheboygan County, and that the man had a good grasp of county business management.

"We're a policy making board," he reiterated, "and this day-to-day

work should not be done by us."

Smock then added that he'd like to invite manager Charles Brown of Cheboygan to visit, and the Board agreed to have Brown come and speak of his experiences.

Long cautioned that "this might be a position and an extravagance we can't afford. We're a county of 12,000 people and we have five departments. Why should we layer and create another buffer between ourselves and the department heads?"

Huss recall petitions finally approved by elections board

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

In a back-and-forth strategy aimed at toppling Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss, Norm Bancroft of Grayling finally received acceptance from the County Elections Board for his recall petition. Bancroft modified his petition language to suit the panel and to obtain Huss' acceptance of the language.

The central issue focused on the phrase "term of office." Huss asserted that at least one of the alleged infractions in the petition did not happen during the prosecutor's term of office, which began Jan. 1, 1997. Huss cited later court decisions in his argument, which superseded election law used by Bancroft in formulation of his language for the recall.

The singular point changed originally read: "(1) Misled voters by failing to inform voters he would not adhere to the County Commissioners resolution that made the office of Prosecuting Attorney a full-time position, at \$50,000 a year, and with no private practice."

The panel eventually struck the words "Misled voters by failing to inform voters he would not..."

The first point, therefore, was amended to read: "(1) Refuses to adhere to the County Commissioners resolution that made the office of Prosecuting Attorney a full-time position, at \$50,000 a year, and with no private practice."

Huss made his point by stressing that "the board may not have the authority to quash his argument." He said "while the words themselves may be okay, the 'term of office' language is relevant because there has

been no election since Jan. 1 of 1997."

Treasurer, Joe Wakeley, a panel member, agreed. "We have a responsibility to see that the petition is in a fair and appropriate form for the voters. If the language is clear, but the items pertain to that which happened during the (prosecutor's) 'term of office', then the language fails to state clearly what the intent of the recall really is."

The remaining points were accepted as written. They are: (2) For requesting, after his election, that his salary be increased to \$75,000; (3) For failing to prosecute Robert McLachlan under the proper statute; and (4) For the filing of a civil lawsuit against the County.

The hearing, chaired by Judge John Hunter, was formally attended by Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, and Wakeley. The purpose of the hearing was to clarify language in a petition filed first on Nov. 10, 1997, and returned to the panel for further clarification on Dec. 1 and again on Dec. 10, 1997.

Ms. Moore said that between 1,100 and 1,200 valid signatures will be required on recall petitions in order to place the recall issue on the ballot.

The Frederic Elementary School was overflowing with family and friends on Wednesday, Dec. 10, when the students presented their annual Winter Concert.

The evening was filled with holiday music as grades Kindergarten through 5th presented their special songs, under the direction of music teacher D.J. Brown.

Ashley McLeod, 3rd grader, helped to welcome the crowd by singing "Hello, Everybody", in eight different languages, which all the students have been learning gradually since school began last August. She had the audience sing each greeting after her, just the way the classes have been learning them.

A multitude of talent was presented, as each class used instruments and motions to highlight their presentations.

The 4th and 5th graders joined forces to open the show with the music theme song "Kids Are Music" and again to close the program with "Let There Be Peace On Earth".

The audience also joined in singing some traditional holiday carols before leaving the gym.

MSU lists fall grads

EAST LANSING—Michigan State University lists 2,239 degree candidates for fall 1997.

From Grayling: Ryan David Frederick with a BS in Civil Engineering, Kristopher W. Gale with a BS in Electrical Engineering, and Jeffrey Allen Welke with a BA in General Business Administration.

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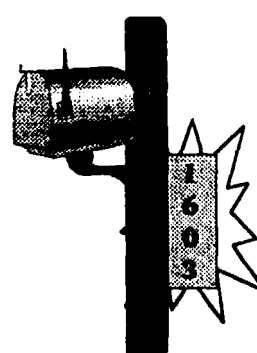
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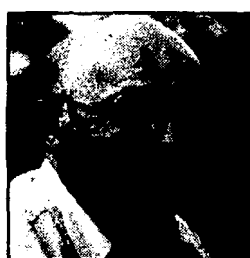
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

The Reno decision...and other non-events

I SEE BY THE PAPERS that Atty. Gen. Janet Reno has decided she sees no reason for a special prosecutor to look into the fund raising antics of President Clinton and Vice President Gore.

Her decision may be classified as news, but it certainly isn't a surprise. What else was she expected to do?

She's a Democrat; so are they. Mr. Clinton plucked her out of Miami to give her the top legal office in the nation, there's got to be a certain obligation in there somewhere ... even if she was at best his third choice for the job.

Ms. Reno may have closed the door on a special prosecutor, but she didn't nail it shut. It's possible she may yet opt for an outside investigation, presumably if the heat gets too hot in that particular kitchen.

But don't hold your breath waiting.

Republicans are trying to make a big thing of the Reno decision, but there's really a tiny base with which to work.

So Republicans disagree. So what? Making decisions is part of Ms. Reno's job, and that's what she did.

I SEE BY THE PAPERS that Louis Freeh, head of the Federal

Bureau of Investigation, sent Ms. Reno a memo advising her to appoint a special prosecutor, but she decided against it anyway.

It wasn't a very confidential memo. Everybody in Washington — and then the country — seemed to know all about it. It's been suggested Mr. Freeh was building his own backfire. Could be.

Then Republicans went into a frenzy, demanding that Mr. Freeh and/or Ms. Reno turn over the memo. They declined, but talked quite openly about its contents anyway.

The justice department duo was quite right to refuse. The FBI is part of the justice department, and the Freeh memo in essence is an inter-office message.

Employees — such as Mr. Freeh — should be able to be as frank as possible in discussing things with their bosses — such as Ms. Reno without public disclosure.

THE MAIN FACTOR, of course, is politics. Everybody in Washington plays that game.

Of what real importance is what's in the Freeh memo?

What does it matter whether Congress sees the Freeh memo or not?

And who cares? It's all political posturing.

This entire fund raising scandal, right from the start and all the way through, cries for the talents of a Gilbert and Sullivan to turn it into a comic opera.

All the elements are present — the stalwart President, rising above it all; the intense young Vice President, backing and filling at every turn, his future on the line; the chorus of shadowy characters involved in the money chasing, including a specialty chorus of Buddhist nuns; blustering Congress members, and on and on, all the way through Ms. Reno and Mr. Freeh.

If a young author submitted a novel based on what's been going on, including the characters involved, it likely would be rejected for publication as too ridiculous to be believable.

No, comic opera is the only logical outlet.

Or maybe the whole scenario is better suited for tragedy.

Really, it's all rather sad.

I SEE BY THE PAPERS that Nebraska Football Coach Tom Osborne is retiring after 25 years in that job.

One more game awaits — the

Orange Bowl game against Tennessee, with a possible national championship at stake —and then Mr. Osborne calls it quits.

It's a good thing for him Michigan's Bo Schembechler is not the athletic director at Nebraska.

He'd probably fire Osborne right now, refusing to let him coach in the Orange Bowl game, because he's no longer a true Nebraska man.

Bo's done something like that before, you know.

LEGION LAUGHS — A few column closing laughs from American Legion magazine:

—Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?

—If a book about failure doesn't sell, does that mean it's a Success?

—She's always late ... her ancestors arrived on the Juneflower.

—The reason lightning never strikes twice in the same place is that the same place isn't there anymore.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Removal of pornographic video films draws praise

To the editor:
In November Dan and Debbie Weaver, owners of Grayling Entertainment, removed the pornographic videos formerly for rent in their store.

The subtle, destructive nature of this material negatively affects individuals, families and our entire community.

As Christians and concerned citi-

zens, we are grateful for the Weavers' positive action.

It is our hope that other businesses in our community currently carrying pornographic material will have the courage to follow the Weavers example.

Sincerely,

Greg Drogoski, Jodi Drogowski
David Vogel and Heidi Vogel

Local residents assist accident victim on I-75

To the editor:

On December 3 my husband Homer Van Meter was involved in a traffic accident at the junction of 27 and 75 just south of Grayling. The weather was bad, and in order to avoid hitting a car that had gone into a skid, he took the ditch and rolled his Ford pickup five times. The truck was totaled, but by some miracle, my husband walked away from the accident. It is the people of Grayling who turned what could have been an absolute disaster into an event which has truly restored my faith in people.

The driver following my husband immediately stopped, found him a t-shirt with which he made an ice pack, and tried to keep him as still as possible. The driver of the next car stopped and called an ambulance, and within six minutes a wonderful group of paramedics immobilized Homer and rushed him to the hospital. The emergency room was full of people who had been in similar accidents, but within several hours my husband had been examined, X-rayed, and released. The tow truck driver drove him and some other unfortunate accident victims to a motel in Grayling.

When my husband's pickup rolled, everything in both the bed and cab flew out, including a tool box which opened and released hundreds of dollars worth of tools, two

shotguns, the only edited copy of the manuscript of Homer's new book, and a diamond and gold necklace which my mother-in-law was sending to me. The many people who stopped to offer assistance combed the ditches and not only found, but returned to the truck all of the above mentioned except for a few tools which were hidden in the snow. Rather than ignoring the accident and driving past or stopping to look at the scene, the people of Grayling treated my husband and his possessions as if he were one of their own. You can't imagine how wonderful that is unless you have been totally helpless and alone a long way from home. Homer rented a U-Haul to accommodate his "stuff" and drove himself from Grayling back to northern Wisconsin where we live. He has an impressive shiner, various other bruises, and a nagging headache, but that is nothing compared to what might have been. Our appreciation to the good Samaritans who gathered and returned the contents of his truck, to the emergency and hospital staff, to the law enforcement officials, and to a local towing company. As I placed the many angels on our tree yesterday, I thought of you.

Very sincerely,

Darlene Machtan,

Wisconsin

GUEST COLUMN

by Sandy & James Briney

United Way Campaign falling short of goal

To the editor:

As co-chairs of the Crawford County United Way Campaign, along with many other citizens, our experience confirms the generosity of givers in our community. Having stated that, the goal of \$80,000 is proving to be a tough nut to crack this year. Although the goal is the same as last year, unlike last year we did not start out with a \$5,000 fund balance, nor did we receive a gift similar to a one-time-only 1996 contribution of \$10,000.

So, with a short time remaining in the current campaign, at present we are close to \$45,000 and have a long way to go. Reaching the level of contributions needed to fund the 18 agencies and organizations that depend on your support will take additional gifts. The auction this year resulted in similar dollars gen-

erated in recent years and some organizations have given as much or more. However, individuals who have been able to give larger than average amounts in the past have cut their contributions by half, or more.

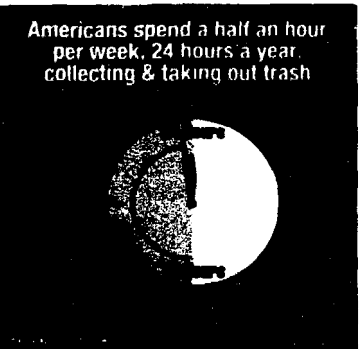
Because our community is so giving as a rule, and because there are so many fund-raising efforts for a variety of worthy causes throughout the year, it is difficult for people to give more than they do. Couple those reasons with the holiday season upon us, and some folks just have not made their United Way gift. With a population base of a little over 12,000 and those employed at less than half that amount, there are only so many who can give.

That's why it is time to accentuate the positive and encourage those who have yet to give. For individu-

als, organizations and foundations, there may be tax advantages attached to a United Way gift before year-end. Whatever your motivation may be for giving to United Way, everyone may be assured that every dollar goes to support the local agencies providing services for local residents. None of the dollars raised go to compensate the board or volunteers who do all the work to organize the auction, prepare mailings and give talks at various meetings.

If you are inclined to re-visit the notion of a Gift to United Way during this holiday season, and in consideration of all of the good done by your United Way, your check may be made out to Crawford County United Way and mailed to P.O. Box 171, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Sandy and Jim Briney



Historically Speaking



FROM THE PAST — Early logging operations in the Grayling area are shown in this old time photo, furnished by Wesley Smith. Who are they? Where was the logging operation? When was the photo taken? Answers to any or all of these questions — or even guesses — are welcome at *The Avalanche* office. Old photos for the enjoyment of our readers also are appreciated.

Betty asks...

Question of the week:
What do you think of our winter so far?

Joe Whelton
Grayling, MI
"El Nino."

Bud Morgan
Grayling, MI
"I can't golf."

John Wejrowski
Grayling, MI
"Unpredictable."

Debbie Golden
Grayling, MI
"I want snow! We need snow!"

There you have it...My husband goes snowmobiling for a couple weeks in the winter - now if we don't get any snow, you know what that means - he stays home. Needless to say, I walk around singing "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas."

Betty Pearl
Advertising Representative
Crawford County Avalanche

This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area

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BRIEFS

Burning Bush Tabernacle new Minister

Burning Bush Tabernacle is pleased to announce the ministry of Rev. Dan Blanzly from Burt.

Rev. Blanzly will present a time of refreshing and ministry in song and worship Saturday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. He also will be ministering in the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 21, followed by a Christmas dinner in the fellowship hall.

The Church is located at 501 E. Michigan Ave. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

GMS, GHS Choir holiday concert

GMS, GHS Choirs will be giving their Holiday Concert, Light a Candle, on Thursday, Dec. 17. The concert will be held at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. There is no admission charge, all are welcome.

GHS Choir bake sale Dec. 20

Goody and Bake Sale will be held at Glen's Market on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Members of the Grayling High School Choir will have a wide variety of Christmas baked goods available.

Kiwanis Club on the streets

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling will be on the streets on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20 with their Christmas Goodfellow Newspaper. They will be happy to accept your donations which go back to the community for charitable projects.

Project Graduation tree sale continues

GHS Project Graduation '98 is selling Blue Spruce Christmas trees at the corner of Old-27 and M-72 West for \$15 each. Trees will be sold each day, until gone. Tree stands are also available for \$5.

Volunteers are needed to help sell these trees. If you are able to help call Steve Anderson at 348-2299.

Promise Keepers meeting set

The Crawford area Promise Keepers will be meeting at the Grayling Assembly of God Church, Dec. 20 at 8 a.m. The Church is located on I-75 Business Loop South (North of downtown Grayling, across from the airport). Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. There will be fellowship in music and a speaker. All Christian men are welcome.

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MS Society plans new services

The National MS Society, Michigan Chapter, Inc., is pleased to announce the formation of a new Service Council for Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Alcona, Oscoda and Crawford Counties. The council is made up of volunteers who will plan programs and services to meet the needs of the MS community in those counties. Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a disease that randomly attacks the central nervous system, wearing away the control the person has over his or her own body through symptoms like numbness, paralysis, and even blindness.

Current volunteers in the Service Council include Peter and Helen Cuccietti and Tudy Cherven of Roscommon, Linda Wend of Rose City and Debbie Hollis of South Branch. Additional volunteers are welcome. This group will be supported by a staff person from the Michigan Chapter of the MS Society, Karen Babes, Chapter Services Manager of the Eastern Region.

The MS Society currently sponsors three self-help groups for people with MS and their families and

friends in this six county region. For more information about those groups, call Tudy Cherven (517) 275-4671. Beginning in January, an information and referral number will be operational. People may call this number for information on MS, on resources in the community that may be helpful for people with MS, and on current programs. Persons newly diagnosed with MS will be encouraged to call this number to receive a packet of accurate and up-to-date information on the disease.

The Service Council is also planning to participate in a national teleconference on new treatment and research on MS in May. This meeting will also include a session on self-advocacy and self-esteem as well as a program for family members and caregivers. It will be held at Kirtland Community College.

Anyone interested in more information on the work of the service council or in volunteering to be part of the group may call Karen Babes (810) 667-6530 or Peter Cuccietti (517) 275-8444.



A RARE -- "Sun Dog" rainbow, as it appeared near the Courthouse, early Dec. 8, 1997.

'Sun Dog' appears over Grayling

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

When one rainbow appeared, many people observed it locally.

When yet another rainbow mirrored the first one on the other side to form a colorful arc — this occurrence is called a "sun-dog". Both were picking up the sun's rays. The sun in the photo between the two arcs, but capturing them both with a 'point 'n shoot' is not a ready possibility.

A rainbow is a colored arc, and they happen when rays from the sun shine on falling rain. The sky was misty and gray that morning — Dec. 8 — so at first, the emerging rainbow was not to clear. But as the sun rose, the arcs appeared more vividly in the morning sky. This one is near the Crawford County Courthouse.

Author of *The Rainbow: From Myth to Mathematics* (1987) writes "the size of the visible portion of the rainbow depends on the altitude of the sun. It is the largest when the sun is at the horizon. (Notice the position of the sun behind the large pine tree.)"

"A rainbow is a result of internal reflections of the sun's rays by the individual drops of water. The second rainbow is caused by rays that undergo a second internal reflection."

The inner part is always violet and the outer part red. A rainbow exhibits the colors of the spectrum."

Nice. It was very nice.

Gaylord wins state grant for training

The Michigan Jobs Commission has approved a training grant of \$114,582 for the city of Gaylord to provide training to 333 existing employees.

North Central Michigan College will conduct the training.

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The purpose of the grant is to help upgrade the skills of workers to match available jobs, according to the Jobs Commission.

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FRI 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VAR & JV BBB vs. Tawas, away, 6:15 pm. •SAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE for January 24 test.
SAT 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MS FORENSICS TOURNAMENT, home. •VAR VOLLEYBALL vs. @ Roscommon Classic, 9 am.
SUN 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. •WINTER BEGINS.
MON 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •VAR & JV BBB vs. Kalkaska, home, 6 pm.
TUES 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MEET THE GRADS @ HS media center, 10-11:30 am. •EARLY DISMISSAL for all students beginning with HS at 11:30, for winter vacation. •GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •SCHOOL CLOSED for winter vacation. •HANUKKAH •COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm. •CHRISTMAS EVE.
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The Bible Speaks Is Jesus Christ God?

From the Calvary Baptist Church

This question was first posed by Jesus Christ: (Matthew 22:41-42) "While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, (42) Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David." This is a true statement concerning His flesh, said it did not explain his deity. Peter gave the real answer: (Matthew 16:15-17) "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? (16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." This was the title Mary was given before His birth: (Luke 1:35) "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." This title which Jesus Christ claimed was the most hated title He possessed even during His crucifixion. Matthew 27:43) "He

trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God."

Some cults speak of Jehovah God as the eternal father, yet deny that Jesus Christ is His eternal son. But how can God be called an eternal father without having an eternal son? The entire gospel of John was written to prove Jesus Christ is the son of God. (John 20:30-31) "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: (31) But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

Eternal life is possible only by acceptance of Jesus Christ as the eternal, only begotten Son of God. (John 1:18) "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." (John 3:18) "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (1 John 4:9) "In this was manifested the love of

God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." His death, burial and resurrection for our sins proved His deity and our eternal salvation. Romans 1:4) "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:"

Who is Jesus Christ to you this Christmas season? To worship Him as a little baby in a manger can never take away your sins or give you eternal life. He is not a little, helpless, harmless God who can be molded to our wishes and desires. Such worship is idolatry. He is the eternal God who created the entire material universe out of nothing. He is the only way to the eternal Father. (John 14:6) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Pastor "B" Please pray for the ministry of our church Websites at: <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>



BENEFIT DINNER -- Ashley Morgan is pictured above with Steve Wilson, assistant chief of the Frederic Fire Department.

HELP FOR ASHLEY -- More than \$1,800 was raised at a benefit dinner recently for Ashley Morgan, 11, who suffers from Hodgkin's Disease. Ashley is undergoing chemotherapy treatments in Ann Arbor twice a month. The Frederic Fire Department sponsored a spaghetti dinner fund raiser, and various organizations, residents and visitors have given many donations. Donations are being accepted for Ashley by the Frederic Fire Department, P.O. Box 79, Frederic, MI 49733.

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Jesus' birthday celebration set

A birthday celebration for Jesus is planned for Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Grayling Assembly of God.
The choir will present "Bethlehem Light" during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.
During the 6 p.m. service, the

children will present their Christmas musical entitled "No Phibbin Mephubotheth." A time of fellowship will follow

Grayling Assembly of God is located on the I-75 Business Loop.

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It's a quiet evening. The prime time movie is about to begin in the living room. Suddenly... Stay tuned to this station for a special announcement. The national weather service is predicting ten to twelve inches of snow within the next twenty-four hours. Cancellations will be announced as they are received.

The children cheer as their parents groan. Though some of us look forward to the snow, it is a source of inconvenience for many. A loss of electricity, fender-benders, that frantic search for child-care when the schools close...snowy weather can add to our stress. Yet, when we are all "snowed in" together we have the opportunity for togetherness that otherwise we would not. This is a good time to drink hot chocolate, share our thoughts and our dreams, and reflect upon God's role in our lives. Finally, remember that the warmth of God's house awaits. Worship Him each week. Even as the snow falls, church bells chime.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Zephaniah 3:14-20	John 6:25-59	John 6:60-71	Micah 4:1-5
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Micah 4:6-5:1	Micah 5:2-15	Luke 2:16-38	

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Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
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Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

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Sunday School 11 am
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Headstart program at Frederic Elementary

by Dawn Workman
Special Writer

The new Frederic Head Start program is underway. Home visits began in September and the classroom activities began at the end of October. Now the program is in full swing and slots are still available.

Head Start is a federal and state funded, "free comprehensive child development preschool program for children three to five years of age who meet eligibility requirements and the goal is to increase social and educational skills," as stated by program literature.

This program is more than just a preschool. During home visits, teachers Linda Newberry and Anne Vajda are able to sit down with the parents and child and set goals on an individualized basis.

According to Sherry Garner, Family/Community Services area manager, parents also have a curriculum of their own, a series of workshops featuring topics such as nutrition, stress management, and domestic violence.

The role of the parents in this program is indispensable. "Parents are the most important and first teachers to our children," said Garner.

Parents are encouraged to visit the classroom on a continual basis and volunteer in the classroom whenever possible. When a parent is unable to volunteer during classroom hours because of work or another small child at home, the teachers are able to work with the parents so that they are able to contribute in other ways, such as pre-

paring materials at home for an art project.

The children attend the preschool at Frederic Elementary School Monday through Thursday from 12 until 3:30 p.m. Within the classroom, the emphasis is not on academics, but rather on the tools they will need to achieve academic success in kindergarten and beyond.

beyond.

Children who have attended Head Start tend to do better in school than those who have not. Newberry emphasizes that the skills taught in the classroom are all taught through play, based on the concept of recognition. This means that if the child sees the same behaviors, or letters and numbers over and over again, this will

breed familiarity for when the child goes to kindergarten and is ready to learn in an academic setting.

Eligibility for the Head Start program is based on income and/or special circumstances and special needs of the child. Garner recommends that everyone who is interested in the program to fill out an enrollment application.



HEADSTART -- Children in the Head Start program are playing dress-up. Pictured (left to right) are Daniel, Renee, Cara and Shalee.

Grants available for Crawford County family projects

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Special Writer

The Crawford County Strong Families/Safe Children Initiative announced late last month funding opportunities for Fiscal Year 1998 (Oct. 1, 1997 - Sept. 30, 1998). "Mini grants" up to \$4,999 and grants up to \$11,000 are available to organizations and government agencies which develop and implement innovative programs and projects for children and families in Crawford County.

Agencies and organizations must meet specific proposal guidelines set forth by the Michigan Family Preservation and Support Services Act.

General criteria for these funding opportunities include the following:

- Applying organizations must be either a non-profit or governmental entity.
- proposed project must be intended to benefit the residents of Crawford County;
- proposed project must address child and family issues within one or more of the following identified local or state priority areas

Local priorities include:

- To enhance family relationships.
- To expand recreational activities for children

- To increase immunization rates for young children

- To provide programs for youth 12-18 years of age

- To provide programs to discourage teen pregnancy

- To provide programs dealing with pre-teen behavioral problems

State priorities include:

- Increase adoptions

- Reduce out-of-home placements of children

- Increase immunization rates

- Increase supports for extended family members raising relatives' children

Strong Families/Safe Children (SF/SC) has listed several prohibitions regarding the use of funds contained in the state guidelines. Funds may not be used for the following:

- "Brick and mortar" kinds of projects or for capital expenditures.

- Out-of-home care or placement services

- To supplant or replace existing funding sources for programs and services

- Purely social events or activities

- To support partisan or non-partisan political activities or events

- To support religious activity or instruction or to support any missionary or evangelizing activities.

Proposal guidelines and applications were mailed to several non-profit organizations and government agencies during November.

Applicants may be asked to provide clarification and additional information through telephone interviews or at a review committee meeting. All proposals received by SF/SC will be reviewed and evaluated based on: description of project, target group, goals and action plan, budget, evaluation, and collaboratives.

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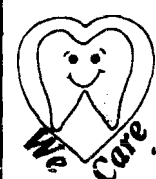
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MSG Ronald Pearce honored for outstanding Guard service



GUARD HONORED — Members of the family of MSG Ronald W. L. Pearce accepted the Federal Meritorious Service Award in a recent National Guard ceremony. Pictured, left to right, are Jeffrey, Christopher, Ashley, Carol and Jonathon Pearce, along with LTC Jerry Cannon of the Guard.

The family of MSG Ronald W. L. Pearce recently accepted on his behalf the Federal Meritorious Service Medal (Posthumous), for his long and outstanding service to the Michigan National Guard.

MSG Pearce died in October during training at Camp Grayling.

The award certificate, presented by LTC Jerry Cannon at the Guard's December Awards Formation, reads:

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The award is for service from Jan. 14, 1981, to Oct. 18, 1997, and is signed by Major General E. Gordon Stump, Adjutant General of Michigan.

His widow, Carol, and children, Jeffrey, Christopher, Ashley and Jonathon, took part in the ceremony. The awards included the Meritorious Service Medal; U.S. Army display case with awards and the U.S. Flag that draped MSG Pearce's casket; and a Camp Grayling framed photo presentation honoring MSG Pearce.

Local student on Dean's list

Kaethe E. Callewaert of Grayling has been named to the Dean's List for fall term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Timothy G. Nash, Acting Academic Dean of the college.

Kaethe E. Callewaert is the daughter of Joseph and Jean Callewaert of Grayling.

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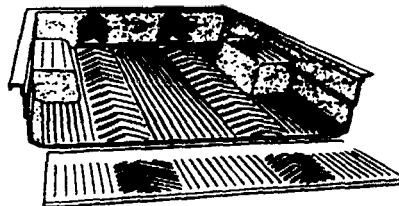
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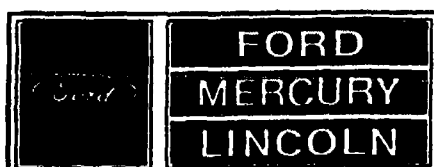
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OBITUARIES

Paul E. Holmgren

Paul E. Holmgren, 79, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1997 at St. Lukes Hospital.

He was born Dec. 13, 1917 in Reed City. He was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Masonic Lodge, Reed City. He was a member of the Kawanis Club, a fifty year member of the First Congregational Church and Choir in Saginaw. He attended the Davenport School of Business, Grand Rapids and was employed as a manager for Coca Cola Co. Mr. Holmgren served with the U.S. Navy during W.W.II. He was stationed in New York and later served in the South Pacific. While in New York, Mr. Holmgren married Elaine McDonnell of Grayling, she survives him. Following the War, Mr. Holmgren was employed for Del Monte Foods and then Abner Wolf Distributors as a salesman. During this time he served as President of the Grocer's Manufacturers Assoc. Later he was a representative for Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., Manufacturer's Life and Gleaners Life Insurance Co.

Surviving besides his wife are four children, their spouses and families: Ann and Peter Harris of Spring Lake

and their daughters, Kirsten and Tracey; Jim and Alste Holmgren of Wappingers Falls, N.Y. and their children, Eric, Sigrid, Ryan and Brandon; Mary and Loren Clifford of Marquette and their daughters, Emily and Jane; David Holmgren of Saginaw. A son, John Holmgren passed away in 1989. His son, Eddie Holmgren, survives. Also surviving are three nieces and their husbands, Carla and Jack Fraser, Bonna and Rick Hult, Greta and Alan Bolt; several great-nieces and great-nephews. A brother, Carl Holmgren has also predeceased him.

The funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the First Congregational Church, 403 S. Jefferson Ave. Dr. Charles Guerrero Jr. will officiate. Committal services will take place at the Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Friends may call at the W. L. Case and Co. Funeral Chapel, 4480 Mackinaw Rd., Saginaw from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday and them at the Church from 9:30 a.m. Friday until the time of the service.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider the First Congregational Church Choir Recognition Fund.

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We mourn for you in silence, No eyes can see us weep. But many a silent tear is shed, While others are asleep. They say that time heals all sorrows,

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Terribly missed by wife and children, Tamara, Alan and Matthew

Correction

A story in the Dec. 4 issue of The Avalanche should have said that Glen's Market sponsors the "Coats for Kids" program, and the Christian Help Center is the distributing agent for the program.

Also, a story about Recycle Day should have made it clear that although Grayling High School and Middle School students work at the Recycle Center, they do not operate the compactor or any machinery.

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The Upper Peninsula suffered the worst drop in numbers, with the kill being down about 29,000 below last year. This will mostly be because of the two severe winters back to back. This can not be helped!! The northern Lower Peninsula was down about 10,000 deer below last year. This could be caused, in part, by light hunting pressure.

They are starting to fish some of the smaller lakes, but if you decide to try it, please be careful and don't go alone!!

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New 'Sledheads' of Frederic features snowmobile wares

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

With a spark of initiative, entrepreneur Pete Kocenas of Grayling, saw a need and filled it. He took an aging automotive service garage in the city of Frederic and turned it into a showroom filled with clever sloganeering and snowmobile gear. Other specialty items for snowmobilers and winter sports visitors is now available too.

"I've been in screen printing and embroidering of sportswear for 10 years," Kocenas said, "and Frederic was a natural for this type of business. We try to have enough spare parts and accessories on hand to keep the snowmobilers on the trail, like slides, wearbars, plugs and belts. We have it all here."

Kocenas' First Impressions Sportswear is sold by mail-order across the country, and he needed space for additional lines of clothing. First Impressions features jackets with the Ford and Chevrolet logo,

but Kocenas will also rent snowmobiles at the Frederic location and carry parts and accessories for all snowmobiles.

"We can actually invite people to come Christmas shopping right here in Frederic," he said without hesitation, showing off the snappy new log interior "planned, stained and decorated by my wife, Cathy. She has a good eye for color, and most of this was her idea." Kocenas said that he "did a lot of the heavy work inside."

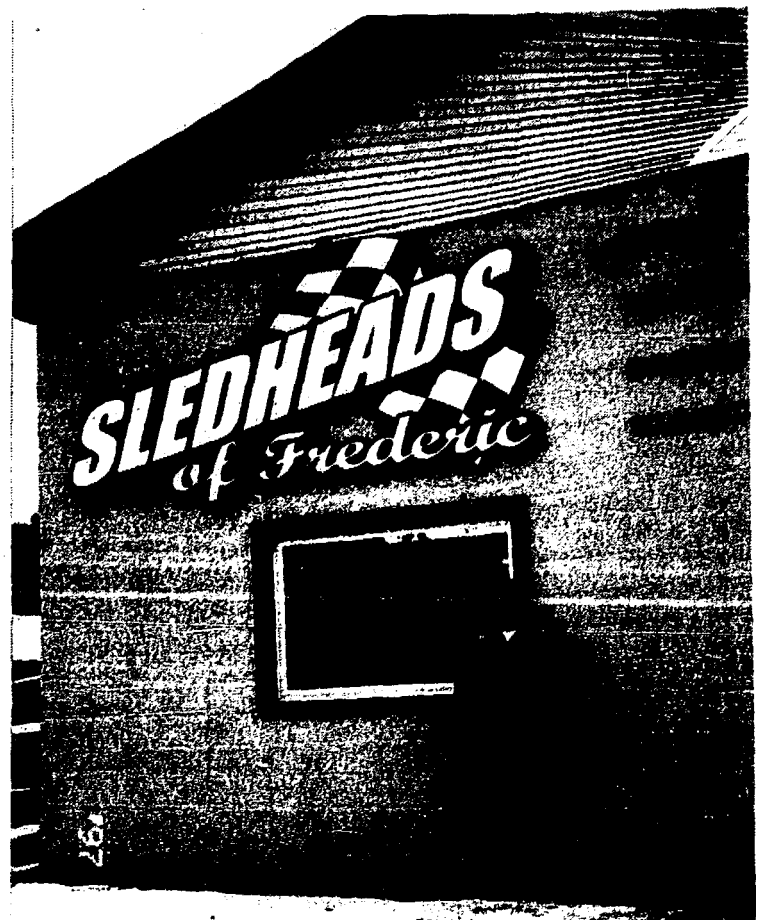
The cement block building on Old-27 had been owned and operated by the late Al Leng. Leng had been a pioneer of the village when it was young, and Leng's Garage had been used as an automobile repair and servicing building and filling station from the 1950s through the early 1980s.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) had determined that the soils around the building were somewhat contaminated by solvents and gasoline. The DEQ encouraged Kocenas to proceed with the necessary evaluation for cleanup, which he did.

Kocenas said the DEQ expects to proceed with a method termed as "the remedial alternatives and technology for soil and groundwater contamination" at the site this next summer. The cost of the SVE — Soil Vapor Evaporation technique — is expected to approach \$140,000.

Sagasser & Associates of Gaylord were retained for the purpose of creating a Baseline Environmental Assessment for the cleanup project, but the renovation of the building was able to proceed through 1997. Kocenas said that Ms. Muriel Leng was most helpful, and without her patient assistance in providing the historical information, the process would have taken much longer.

Santa will be visiting Sledheads of Frederic on Friday, Dec. 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. Children may bring parents and wish lists. Another feature of the store is a special corner called "Melissa's Candy Mountain". Melissa is Pete and Cathy's five year-old daughter.



NEW OWNER — Pete Kocenas (above), new owner of Sledheads of Frederic, has opened for business in the completely remodeled and modernized former Al Leng's Garage in Frederic. Kocenas specializes in snowmobile parts, wares and clothing. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.



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Transfer of student approved

Transfer of a second grader to the Otsego school district has been approved by the Crawford AuSable School District.

Rosalyn Tobias, who lives only 10 miles from Gaylord but right on the school district boundary line and in the Frederic Elementary School service area, said it was impossible to find adequate day care for her 7-year-old daughter since the family moved to Crawford County in November.

She said her daughter has not been attending school but was being home-schooled.

She said both she and her husband have jobs in Gaylord that start at 6

a.m., so day care for her daughter would have to start at 5 a.m., and she can't find any.

By moving her daughter to the Gaylord district, the parents could take her to day care there, she told the school board. The Gaylord schools have agreed to accept the student.

The Crawford AuSable board approved the transfer, but only for the balance of this school year. If needed, the case would be reviewed before the next school year.

Ms. Tobias indicated her family would try to find a home in the Otsego school district before school starts again.

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Kirsten Ann Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sullivan, and Paul Bruce Belleter were married August 16, 1997 in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Marlette. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bruce Belleter of Carrollton.

For the double ring ceremony the bride wore a white royal satin floor-length gown. The heavily hand-beaded and sequined bodice featured an off-the-shoulder neckline with short stovepipe sleeves. The full cathedral train featured Alencon lace appliques and was secured with a rose-accented peplum back. A pearl and sequin encrusted Juliet cap secured her silk illusion fingertip veil. Kirsten continued a family tradition by carrying four beautifully embroidered handkerchiefs that were once carried by her maternal great-grandmother, great-grandmother, grandmother and her mother. The bridal bouquet consisted of white and Jacaranda roses, stephanotis, freesia, and pink bouvardia.

The Matron of Honor was Barb Janish, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tracey Gomolak, friend of the bride, Lori Glidden, friend of the bride, Patti Kopkau, friend of the bride, Tammy Okma, friend of the bride, and Karen Spirl.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Gary and Debi Beckwith had a boy on Dec. 6, 1997. He was 8 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 21 1/2 inches long. They named him Mark Andrew Beckwith.

The grandparents are Jim and Jean Dibble of Roscommon and Jack and Ruth Beckwith of Grayling.

cousin of the bride. The female attendants were attired in full-length candy pink gowns made of Shantung silk. Alyson Glidden served as flower girl and wore a white satin and tulle gown adorned with white satin bows.

John Krieger, friend of the groom, was the Best Man. Groomsmen were Dick Glidden, friend of the bride, Jon Odykirk, friend of the groom, Matt Opperman, friend of the groom, John Sullivan, brother of the bride, Matthew Sullivan, brother of the bride, and Ryan Sullivan, brother of the bride. Erik Glidden served as ring bearer.

Hors d'oeuvres and dinner were served at Lakeview Hills Country Club in Lexington, and were followed by an evening of dancing. From a honeymoon in the Bahamas, the newlyweds returned to their teaching positions with the Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools.

Thank You

We would also like to thank all the individuals who donated money, time and fellowship. Without all of you, this would never be possible. The committee apologizes if we have overlooked any business or organization that has supported our effort. Any oversight is unintentional.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

Ricky James and Lisa Marie Marsh of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Morgan Elizabeth Marsh born Nov. 24, 1997.

Roberto and Teresa Castaneda, Sr. of Luzerne announce the arrival of Shawnra Ann Castaneda born Nov. 21, 1997.

Kenneth and Rebecca Smith of St. Helen announce the arrival of Joshua Robert Kenneth Smith born Nov. 25, 1997.

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Scott Partick Leahy and Heather Susan-Marie Cody of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Ashley Marie Cody born Nov. 27, 1997.

Gerald Welker, Jr. and Michelle Ayotte of Prudenville announce the arrival of Gerald Charles Welker III born Dec. 3, 1997.

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GHS CHOIR — Members of the Grayling High School choir are shown in a caroling pose on a recent musical outing. Shown (bottom to top): Kim Ruley, Tricia Griesemer, Dannelle Canfield, Kate Fritz, Jaime Myers, Heather Ross, Anthony Renon, Joe Hughes. Not pictured are Karen Ross, choir director, and Dave Ross, guitar accompanist.

Busy year for choir students

Students from the Grayling High School Choir spent several hours on Saturday, Nov. 29, caroling at a local gift shop, *The Pickaroon*, in Higgins Lake.

Choir members wanted not only to ring in the 1997 holiday season joyfully, but hoped to help raise funds for their trip to Toronto in the Spring. The choir plans to travel to Toronto mainly to see *The Phantom of the Opera*, and to participate in a behind the scenes educational program.

In addition to this educational experience students hope to dine at Medieval Times restaurant, tour historic Casa Loma, and spend time at the Eaton Center.

Other choral events planned for the 1997-98 school year are the Holiday Concert on Dec. 18, a pre-festival concert in March, District Choral Festival and other events, and the Spring Choral Concert in

May.

In addition to these group choral events many students will be participating in the High School musical, *Bye, Bye Birdie*.

Middle School 7th and 8th grade choir students hope to travel to Mackinac Island in May to participate in a choral festival and clinic. These choirs will also participate in all scheduled concerts and festival.

The 6th grade students involved in choir this year hope to have an "end of the year LOCK IN" to celebrate a successful year of music making and friendships.

Students partake in several fund raising events during the school year to help support these events.

Over 200 students, grades 6 through 12 participate in five Middle and High School choirs and are under the direction of Karen Ross.

Courthouse security plan passes; some items deleted

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Bruce Bretzke, chair of the Crawford County Commission, brought the issue of safety in the Courthouse building to the table with a bang last week.

"Our entire plan's been compromised," he charged, saying he saw the floor plan schematic on the TV screen shortly after it was announced. The safety committee had worked out the details two weeks earlier, and the issue had been tabled until the Dec. 9.

After discussion about damage control for the earlier leak in the plan's safety features, the board passed the proposal deleting furniture for the lobby and County Clerk's vault and work area.

This exclusion sheared about \$8,000 off the original estimate, and final cost for implementing the security plan now is expected to run \$41,948. The overall design for the plan was provided by Michigan Officeways personnel from Charlevoix.

Treasurer Joe Wakeley explained the upgrade being done on the "panic alarm" system, and with regard to the items not considered a security issue, Chairman Bretzke suggested those items could be purchased cheaper elsewhere.

Items to go forward immediately

are ordering of the security panels and privacy partitions, and the installation of the new telephone system. Contractors hope to have the work completed by mid-February of 1998. Original cost of the plan was to be \$65,158.99.

Lynnette Corlew, Grayling Township's commissioner, has spearheaded this safety and security issue from the beginning. In addition to working out the plan with the County Building Authority, she has also obtained grants to cover sidewalk repair, the cost of a handicapped elevator, handicap-accessible bathrooms, and doorknob replacement with security bars.

"The MSU Extension Service has a wealth of information," she said. "With their help, we obtained 50/50 matching funds through the Federal Rural Development program. It's a program designed for governmental organizations who need help with funding on items such as security and safety."

Flowering plants make great holiday gifts for gardeners

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Other catalogs offer flower and vegetable seeds and transplants, landscape ornamentals, gardening tools, season-extending equipment, indoor light gardening paraphernalia, even temporary and permanent greenhouses. For the person who always orders from the same one or two firms each year, a selection of catalogs can provide hours of entertainment.

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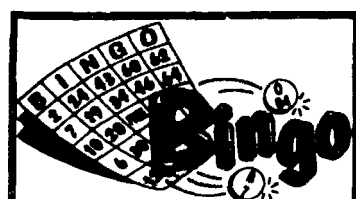
"Either buy him the tool he has been borrowing," McLellan says, "or give him something you want so the borrowing can run both ways!"

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For the problematical gardener on your holiday gift list, consider making a contribution in his or her name to the 4-H Children's Garden at Michigan State University. The children's garden is part of the new Horticultural Demonstration Gardens on campus. It was built entirely with donations and contributions designed with the help of children all over Michigan to introduce young people to the wonders of the plant world.

A gift certificate from a local garden center or nursery is another option. The recipient can exchange it for flowering plants, indoor foliage plants, seeds, tools, fertilizer, wild bird food and feeders, trees or shrubs, bedding plants — whatever she needs when she needs it.

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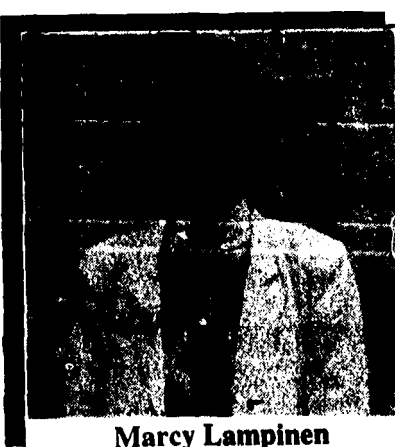
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AuSable primary studies foods

Students at AuSable Primary School recently used a novel way to study various foods as part of their science curriculum.

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Students in six classrooms of first graders and one classroom of first and

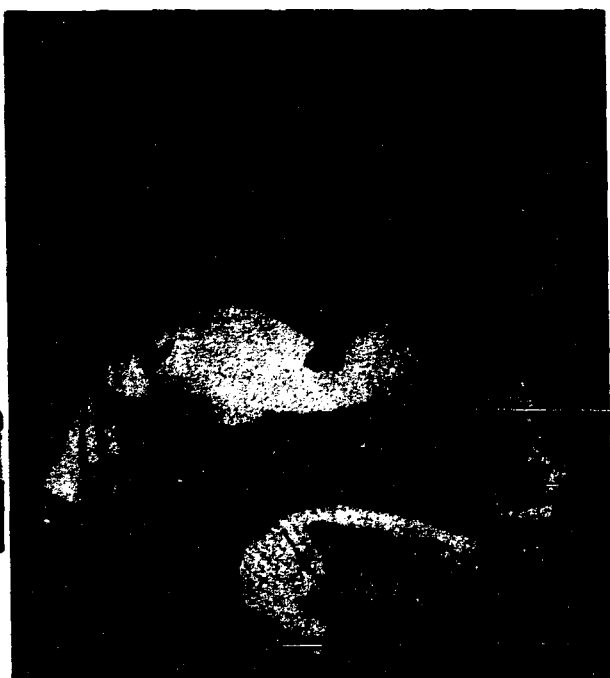
second multi-agers got together for a taste-testing party.

Each of the food groups was represented, and the children were encouraged to try a variety of foods.

The food pyramid was reviewed, and a "Food Group Rap" was taught to the

students.

Although the taste-testing students may not have agreed on which food was good and which food wasn't, they pretty well did agree that it was a great way to study food science.



YUCK! - Arieal Lynch isn't too sure about that last taste (left).



TRY THIS - 1st-grade teacher Chris Brunell, serves up a taste for Jessie Hampton, Zachery Rasmusson and classmates (below).



LOOKS GOOD - 1st graders David Lawe, Aaron Stephan and Leigha Stevens, and parent Todd Hernandez make their food selections (left).



DIG IN - Jennifer Williams and her 1st grade class get ready to sample some vegetables (below).



CAN'T WAIT TO TASTE - Wesley Rasmusson and Angi Ramsey enjoy different foods at the tasting party. (left)



Getting just the right tree: Annual rendezvous with childhood?

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Michigan sells an average of 4 million Christmas trees each year.

But, getting just the right tree can either be a tedious chore or an enjoyable rendezvous with childhood. Recall when you were little; the trees looked so big. And they all looked special too, so the decision often took a very long time — especially to anxious parents with more on their minds than "This one Dad! No, that one!"

By Dec. 1 of this year and every year, the National Christmas Tree Association can estimate the number of trees that will be harvested. This year, about 36 million will be sold. Those are only fresh cut trees, because real tree vs. artificial is also another headache for some.

Live tree vs. cut tree vs. artificial tree can be a yearly battle for some families. "Tree growers in Michigan advertise, "Every acre of Christmas trees under cultivation supplies the daily oxygen needs for 18 people." They, of course, calculate their growing power into millions of acres — nationwide — and they're quite right.

Trees exchange carbon dioxide for oxygen, and trees do supply enormous amounts of fresh air to the world. In addition, they are biodegradable, and Christmas trees are generally grown on land unfit for other crops.

Pine trees — Christmas trees to

Americans — grow all over the globe, but to Michigan, they are the third highest revenue producer in the timber field. Real trees benefit the environment, as when under cultivation they harbor wildlife while creating scenery often found in landscape renderings. Even their after-life has nurturing capabilities.

Once enjoyed at holiday time, they may be placed upon a lake. When the ice melts in the spring, the trees sink and become fish refuge and nesting areas. Their branches may be mulched for gardens and parks, and as they decompose, their residue feeds the earth.

The National Christmas Tree Association recently presented the 31st White House Tree on Nov. 26. Grand Champion trees are chosen every year for the presentation, and of interest is that only in 1985 did Michigan — Stephen Vander Weide, grower — produce a blue spruce worthy of this national honor. (Note: Michigan ranks among the top Christmas tree-producing states.

Trees of Christmas past

American Christmas trees are an American invention. They are also grown in all 50 states — while artificial trees are made mostly in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Korea.

Fun with trees began rather late, because the Romans took their festival of Saturnus, god of agriculture

— Saturnalia — very seriously. They decorated their homes and temples with evergreen boughs.

The Druid priests of ancient Britain decorated their trees, too, but they used golden apples and tied them to vast forests of oak trees. The paradise tree of the Middle Ages was an evergreen hung with red apples — to symbolize the feast

of Adam and Eve. The ceremony was held on Dec. 24 — winter solstice.

A surf on the Internet reveals that the first Christmas tree dates back to the 16th century in Strasbourg, Germany: "Families, rich and poor, decorated fir trees with colored paper, fruits and sweets. The retail Christmas tree lot also dates back

that far — in those times, older women would sell trees harvested from nearby forests."

In America, it has been recorded that "Hessian mercenaries, who were paid to fight in the Revolutionary War in 1804, were stationed at Fort Dearborn — now Chicago — and they hauled trees from the surrounding woods to dec-

orate their barracks.

"Our 14th President, Franklin Pierce, brought the Christmas tree tradition to the White House. In 1841, Mark Carr hauled two ox sleds loaded with trees from the Catskills to the streets of New York and opened the first retail lot in the United States."

The pine, "so named by the ancients," can be found on the steppes of Mt. Etna, upon the shores of Kamchatka, where it's used in rope making and in bread, and in Finland, Poland, and of course, North America and Canada.

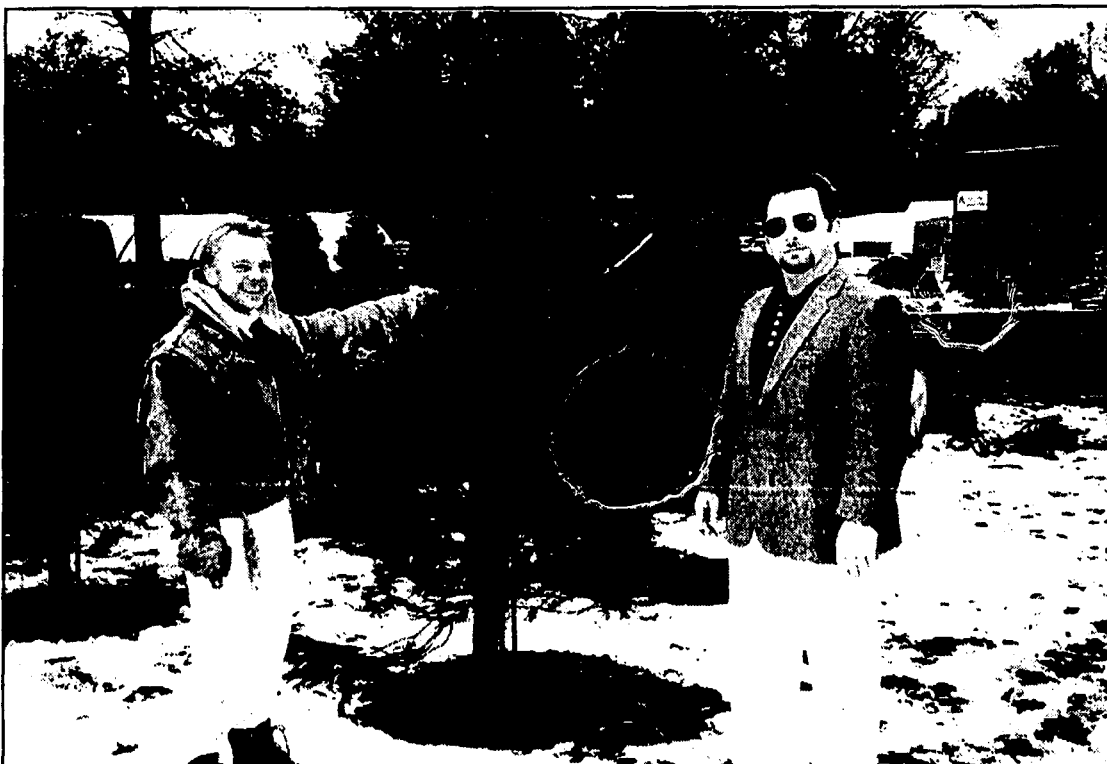
England's vast conifer forests, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, circa 1847, "were prized for their wood. Huge quantities were used for pavement material in the great towns — their timbers rapidly superseding stone!"

The early peoples of the earth, remember, worshiped trees and created songs to them.

As a tradition older than Christianity, the tree represents life. A tree also has no religion other than its own, and as it lives so often beyond us all — it carries with it an air of immortality.

So, as a Christmas tree is selected this year, do so with reverence and with care.

Also, please make plans to give it additional life and usefulness. Give it back to the planet, to the animals, and to itself.



PICKING ONE — Billy McQueen (left) of Milltown Feed helps Clyde Holzbauer, counselor for the Crawford AuSable Schools, pick out just the right tree. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

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SPORTS

Boys Viking varsity basketball 'split' first week

by Dave Golinick
Student Writer

The Viking varsity boys basketball team recently finished their first week of play and came out 1-1. Their first opponent, Roscommon, was easily defeated 63 to 55 by the Vikings on their home court.

High scorers were Eli Tobin with 17 points, Nate Hinkle with 12, Nate Beckwith and Travis Parkinson each had seven, Jeremy Millikin and Brad Ritter at six a piece, and Mike Ostwald and Adam Knapps two each.

The Vikings racked up 34 rebounds, shot 20 for 44 from the free throw line, and teamed up for

nine assists. The Grayling team struggled through an uneventful first half, but the defense stepped up in the second half to secure the game.

The second game saw the Grayling team traveling to take on the Falcons of Ogemaw Heights.

The Vikings played good defense, but committed too many turnovers, resulting in coming out on the short end of a 78 to 69 score.



Brad Ritter

This week's game will be on Friday when the Vikings travel to Tawas to take on the Braves. Game time is 6:15 p.m.

Honored

Grayling Varsity football player Brad Ritter was omitted from last week's article about football players receiving honors. Ritter received an award for All-Conference for his play at tight-end.

Grayling athletes star in classroom

Grayling high school athletes do all right in the classroom, too, according to a report submitted to the Crawford AuSable School board this week.

The overall grade point average for the current semester for all Grayling athletes comes out to 3.22 on a 4.0 scale.

That's honor student range.

The range by team was from 3.70 at the top to 2.70 at the bottom.

Highest grade points were earned by members of the girls varsity basketball team, with an average of 3.70.

Lowest among the sports teams but still above average grades were earned by the Jayvee cheerleaders, at 2.70.

Supt. Kent Reynolds observed that "it shows that when kids have to budget their time, and they have an objective, then they produce."

Township helps to buy tractor

by Dawn Workman
Special Writer

Grayling Township has granted the Grayling Recreational Authority \$4,000 to help buy a tractor.

The tractor is a four-wheel drive with a snowblower and a brush attachment. A mower deck, Olsen said, could be purchased at a later date to maintain the softball fields as well.

Total cost of the tractor is \$12,000. The Youth Boosters also will be donating \$4,000. Olsen is in the process of securing the remainder of the funding. The township board said the \$4,000 will be forthcoming when the rest of the funds are secured. The board voted 4-1 in favor of granting the money.

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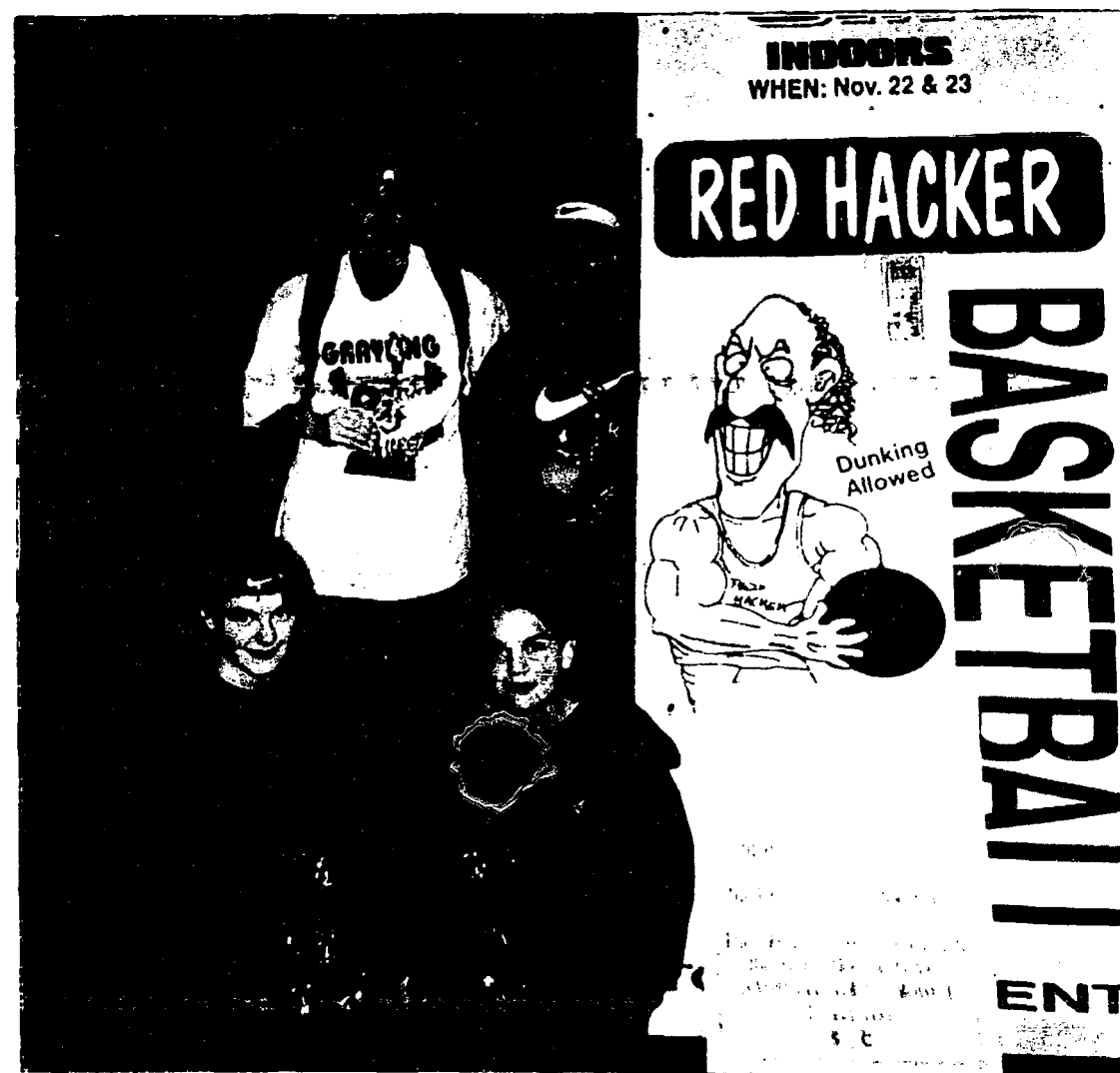
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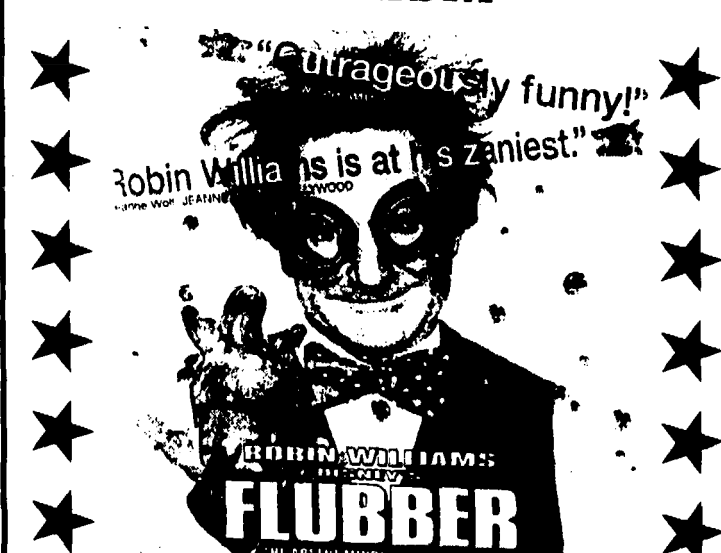
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Dancers offer holiday show to help animal shelter pets

As a holiday gift to the homeless animals of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, the competition team of the Louise Tournaud School of Dance will be presenting a professional performance of the well known "Peter and the Wolf".

Because of their great success at various dance competitions around the United States, the dance company will also be performing their award winning dances. Dancers participating in the performance consider this performance

the best and most thoughtful gift, as all proceeds will be given directly to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. The shelter is in need of donations and supplies. "We at the studio feel that if we

Archery league, classes ready for sign-up

Youth ages eight and up learn the exciting sport of archery by certified instructors from the Bears Bowman Archery Club under the direction of Bill Weaver.

Classes will begin the week of Jan. 12, 1998. Classes will be available on either Monday or Wednesday, from 6:30-7:30 a.m., and the League will run from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Classes will be held indoors at the Bears Bowman Archery Club, Hanson Hills. Youth must be eight by the date of the first class.

All classes run for eight weeks. Cost for all classes is \$12 and for the League and J.O.A.D. \$16. All equipment is provided.

J.O.A.D. (Junior Olympics Archery Development) is for youth 12 and above who have received an archery certificate and will be on Sundays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning on Jan. 11.

Beginning women's archery class will start Friday, Jan. 16 from 7-8 p.m. Girls 13 and over may also take this class but must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is at the Crawford County MSU Extension Office in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse. Registration is limited. Information is available at the 4-H Office at 348-2844 ext. 264.

can fill all the seats we can make a good contribution to the shelter, and offer a great performance for kids and adults," according to a studio spokesperson. The performance will be Friday, Jan. 9, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 and can be purchased from Citgo Gas, The Animal Shelter, or Tournaud School of Dance.

Three county projects share in state grants for recreation

Three projects in Crawford County are included among \$4.4 million in grants for recreation projects announced this week by Gov. John Engler.

On a statewide basis, 90 recreation projects and 61 snowmobile trail program sponsors are sharing in the funds.

Money comes from the sale of ORV licenses, snowmobile trail permits, and a small portion of the state gasoline tax. They are administered by the Department of Natural Resources.

"This is a great program that allows local agencies, nonprofit organizations and county sheriff departments to improve opportunities for trail use, including hiking, bicycling, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, off road vehicle (ORV) use and other activities," Gov. Engler said.

"The grants also help the DNR develop and foster important partnerships, and open the door for the state to provide more in the way of outdoor recreation opportunities."

Largest grant headed to Crawford County is \$18,911 earmarked for the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association.

The funds will be used for trail grooming and maintenance, according to Richard Filley, president of the

association.

Filley said similar funds have been provided by the state each year for several years, but that the state grant comes no where near meeting what the local group will spend for trail grooming and maintenance.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department is in line for two differ-

ent grants for enforcement.

The county will receive \$7,094 for snowmobile law enforcement, and another \$6,829 for ORV law enforcement.

Kirk Wakelield, Crawford under sheriff, said both grants will finance services usually provided by the county.

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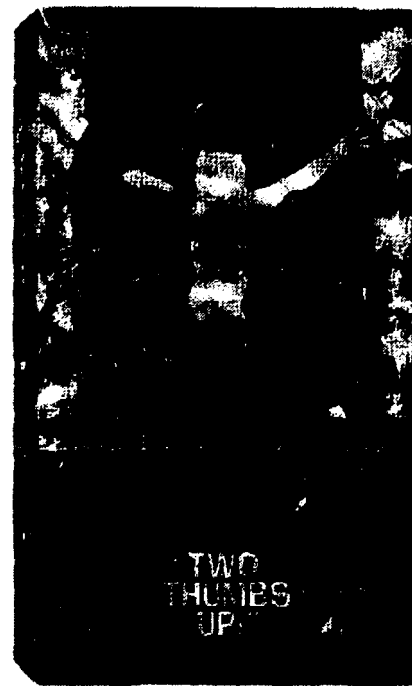
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Fenton's Auto.....27-22	Corky's D.J. & Karaoke.....
Burnside RV.....27-22	Moore's Auto Parts.....
Northwood Land.....23-26	Legion & D. Ross Const.....
Upper Lakes.....20-29	City Environmental.....
Red Barn.....19-30	Weyerhaeuser.....
Stitches by Sue.....18-31	Guns & Grub.....
High Game: G. Fenton, Sr., 233; T. Kotrash, 231; D. Canfield, 216.	High Game: J. Helsel, 226; L. Baker, 217; M. Ashworth, 214.
High Series: T. Kotrash, 593; D. Canfield, 591; T. Devins, 570.	High Series: T. Sheldon, 618; J. Dubois, 581; A. Angove, 569.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

by Cindy Olson

5th-8th GRADE GIRL'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM - All star team reunion game to kick off the season Dec. 20, 2 p.m. at the Middle School Gym. The eight Week season will begin Jan. 24, with Saturday morning games. \$20 registration fee includes a T-shirt, certificate. Eight games and referees. You may register at the all star game from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 20 at the Middle School Gym or at the GRA main office. For more information please call 348-9266.

GRA WRESTLING PROGRAM - For Boys and Girls K-5. \$20 includes T-shirt, trophy and certificate. The Grayling Youth Boosters Club has provided funds to cover tournament fees and tournament equipment. There will be a meeting of parents and wrestlers on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 3:30 p.m. at the elementary school gym.

SKI SEASON - We are all very excited and ready for ski season. We hope to open Hanson Hills on Saturday, Dec. 20. Please pray for snow.

SNOW MAKING - Unfortunately we can not make snow when it is above 28-30 degrees and ideal conditions are even colder than that. We hope to make enough snow to open for Dec 20.

SKI MEMBERSHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE - Buy four get one free - a great idea for Christmas.

NEW HOURS - Hanson Hills will be open for downhill skiing hours include Thursday and Friday 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Our cross country ski trails are open seven days a week. We groom every day but Monday. The cross country

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Us & Them.....	47-13
Computer Services.....	37-23
M.M.L.D.....	35-25
C.S.I.....	32-28
R & M Masonary.....	31-29
Gary's Drywall.....	26-34
Suttles Truck Leasing.....	23-37
Bye.....	9-51
Men's High Game: R. Pyle, 225; J. Helsel, 221; R. Akinson, 214.	
Men's High Series: M. Sumner, 556; R. Hinds, 545; J. Smith, 535	
Women's High Game: M. Starks, 194; S. Sumner, 181; M. Hawkins, 172.	
Women's High Series: M. Hawkins, 475; S. France, 473; M. Starks, 464.	

lodge will be open Thursday and Friday from 3 p.m.-5 p.m., with \$5 trail fee and \$5 rental, and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SKI SCHOOL - This season ski school will be offering class lessons in four week blocks with an eight week option. This is designed for the convenience of our students. Classes begin the first week in January and prices start as low as \$49. As always we still offer private, semi-private and group lessons on the hour daily. For more information call Jessica at 348-9266.

HORSE DRAWN SLEIGH RIDE - Every Saturday evening 4 p.m.-7 p.m. \$5 per person, three years and under no charge. Please call ahead for reservations.

ICE SKATING LESSONS - Registration is now open for ice skating lessons beginning Tuesday and Thursday for one half hour each day. Late afternoon times will be determined by need. \$20 per person.

FREE SKI PROGRAM - Available to 4th and 5th grade students. Program begins Jan. 14. Classes meet Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Program is sponsored by Grayling Recreation Authority, Grayling Youth Boosters Club, Rotary Club, and the Crawford AuSable School District.

FACILITY RENTAL - Don't forget - we have facilities for your parties reunions and events. The gym is an excellent place for a birthday party or rainy day use at only \$5 an hour. The main lodge is \$175 per day. Please call 348-9266.

GROUP SALES - Does your group want to have more fun than ever before? Come to Hanson Hills this winter for some truly great winter fun.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB - Begins Jan. 13. Register by Jan. 5. \$15 Club Fee.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League

Sawmill II.....	100
Sawmill I.....	85
Fredric Inn.....	79
Legion.....	74
Plaza.....	74
Spikes.....	56
5 ball run.....Kim G., Beth P., and Pasty G.	
8 ball on the Break.....Kim G.	

Men's Pool League

Frederic Inn.....	99-63
Red Barn.....	92-70
Plaza.....	90-72
Weyerhaeuser*.....	84-78
Holiday Inn.....	88-76
Tadpoles.....	73-89
Frogies*.....	70-92
Breakers.....	52-110
8 ball run.....Gale of Frederic Inn.	
7 ball run.....Mike of Red Barn and Todd of Holiday Inn.	
6 ball run.....Ken Weyerhaeuser, Duane of Breakers, Phil of Holiday Inn, Duane of Tadpoles, Bernie and Tom(2) of Plaza.	

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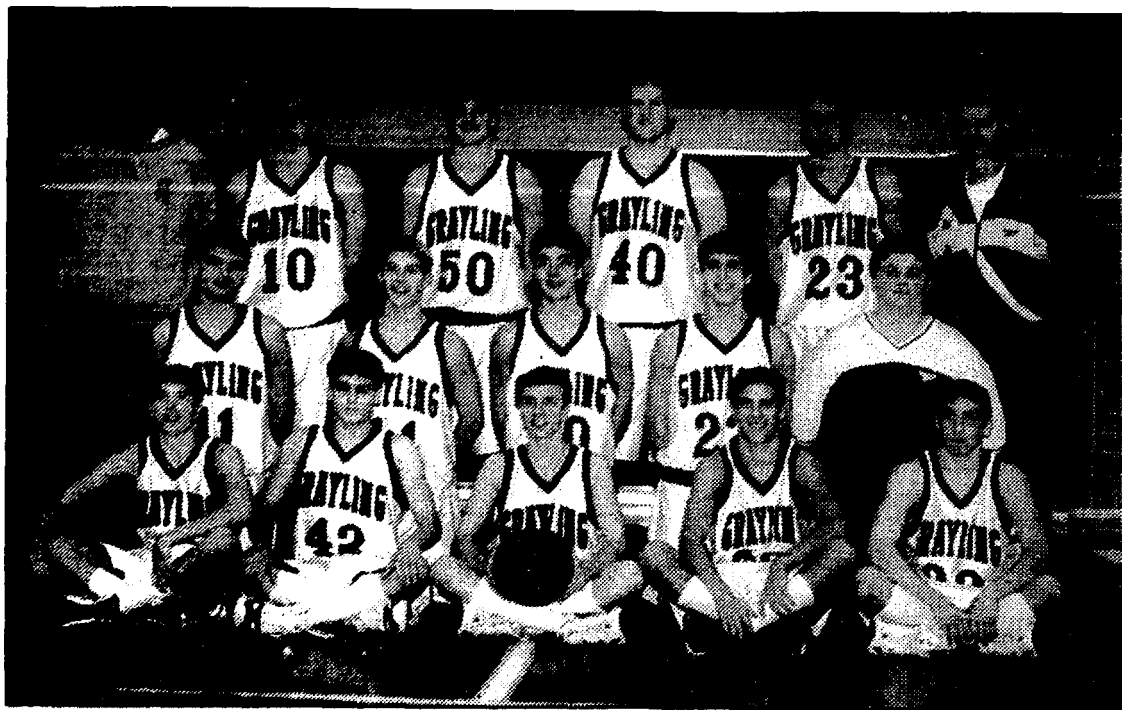
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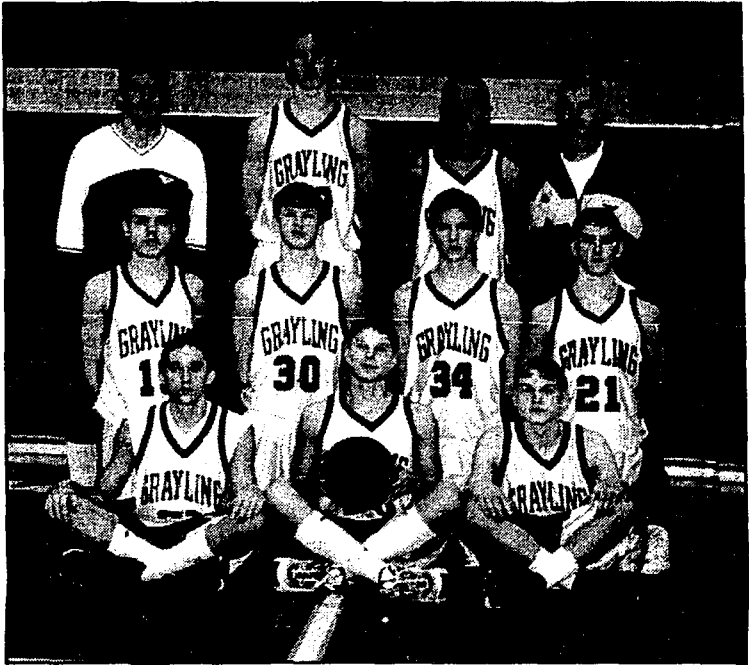


VARSITY BASKETBALL--(Back row, left to right) Coach Moffit, Nate Beckwith, Brad Ritter, Adam Knapp, Nate Hinkle, Coach Hayes. (Middle row, left to right) Rob Dent, Jeremy Jones, Mike Ostwald, Jeremy Millikin, Dan Huckabay. (Front row, left to right) Gordon Elsner, Pete Mead, Eli Tobin, Travis Parkinson, Travis Huber.



Varsity & Junior Varsity Basketball

Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
Tues. Dec. 9	Roscommon	A	6:00
Fri. Dec. 12	W.B. Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15
Tues. Dec. 16	Gladwin	H	6:15
Fri. Dec. 19	Tawas	A	6:15
Mon. Dec. 22	Kalkaska	H	6:15
Sat. Jan. 3	Roscommon	H	6:00
Tues. Jan. 6	Pinconning	H	6:15
Fri. Jan. 9	Oscoda	A	6:15
Tues. Jan. 13	Bay City John Glenn	H	6:15
Fri. Jan. 16	Standish Sterling	A	6:15
Tues. Jan. 20	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	H	6:15
Tues. Jan. 27	W.B. Ogemaw Heights	H	6:15
Fri. Jan. 30	Gladwin	A	6:15
Tues. Feb. 3	Tawas	H	6:15
Fri. Feb. 6	Pinconning	A	6:15
Tues. Feb. 10	Oscoda	H	6:15
Fri. Feb. 13	Bay City John Glenn	A	6:15
Tues. Feb. 17	Standish Sterling	H	6:15
Fri. Feb. 20	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	A	6:15
Tues. Feb. 24	Gaylord	A	6:00



JV BASKETBALL--(Back row, left to right) Coach Kucharek, Joe Fritz, Brad Wilson, Coach Hayes. (Middle row, left to right) Mike Ketchum, Brian McCurdy, Kevin Jansen, Justin Neuberger. (Front row, left to right) Brad Gorski, Dave Hawkins, Tim Ormsbee.

Freshman Basketball

Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
Mon. Dec. 15	W.B. Ogemaw Heights	H	6:00
Thurs. Dec. 18	Gladwin	A	6:00
Sat. Jan. 3	Roscommon	H	4:15
Mon. Jan. 5	Tawas	H	6:00
Thurs. Jan. 8	Pinconning	A	6:00
Mon. Jan. 12	Oscoda	H	6:00
Thurs. Jan. 15	Bay City John Glenn	H	6:00
Mon. Jan. 19	Standish Sterling	H	6:00
Thurs. Jan. 22	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	A	6:00
Mon. Jan. 26	Alcona	A	6:00
Thurs. Jan. 29	W.B. Ogemaw Heights	A	6:00
Mon. Feb. 2	Gladwin	H	6:00
Thurs. Feb. 5	Tawas	A	6:00
Mon. Feb. 9	Pinconning	H	6:00
Thurs. Feb. 12	Oscoda	A	6:00
Mon. Feb. 16	Bay City John Glenn	A	6:00
Thurs. Feb. 19	Standish Sterling	A	6:00
Mon. Feb. 23	Sag. Valley Lutheran (@ GMS)	H	6:00



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL--(Back row, left to right) Marcus Bobenmoyer, Dave Golnick, Kyle Langseth, Justin Manier, Jory Harland, Coach Simons. (Middle row, left to right) Dan Hall, Chris Youngblood, Levi Burkett, Ryan Mahaffy, Joel Cummings. (Front row, left to right) Peter Belcher, Barry McClanahan, Max Schreiner.



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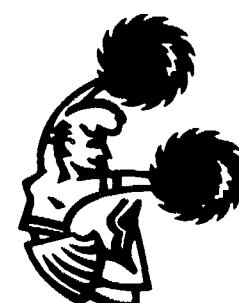
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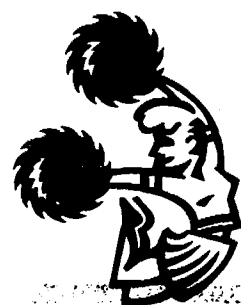
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VARSITY CHEERLEADING--(back row, left to right) Tiffany Craigie, Jamie Anderson, Coach Chris Burrell, Shannon Anglebrandt, Tasha Carlisle. (Front row, left to right) Amanda Love, Darci Trudgeon, Jessica Becks, Heidie Wallace.



JV CHEERLEADING--(back row, left to right) Coach Gail Belcher, Heather Lynch. (Middle row, left to right) Michelle Stepp, Kira Maples, Tammella Strait, Joyce Thomas. (Front row, left to right) Janna Eddy, Sonya Saladine.



POM PON SQUAD--(back row, left to right) Monica Kustra, Christi Duncley, Jean Zelek, Brie Blaauw, Tina Breitruck, Emily Wakeley. (Middle Row, left to right) Megan Walker, Sara Bassett, Sara Autem, Jessie Becks, Melissa Ostwald, Jessica Abfalter. (Front row, left to right) Ashley Wakeley, Darci Trudgeon, Jamie Anderson, Colby Davis, Amanda Fortino, Danielle McClanahan. Missing from picture, Coach Teresa Furst, Coach Cheryl Millikin.



Varsity Skiing

Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
Fri. Dec. 19	Clare, Harrison, Inland Lakes & Gaylord @ Sylvan Resort	A	1:00
Thurs. Jan. 8	Bellaire, Manecloona, Inland Lakes @ Schuss Mt.	A	1:00
Fri. Jan. 16	Manistee @ Crystal Mt.	A	3:00
Mon. Jan. 19	Gaylord @ Treetops	A	4:00
Sat. Jan. 31	Boyne City @ Boyne Mt.	A	6:30
Mon. Feb. 2	Crystal Mt.	A	10:00
Sat. Feb. 7	Flushing Invitational @ Treetops	A	TBA
Thurs. Feb. 12	Regionals	A	TBA
Thurs. Feb. 19	Burger King Invitational @ Hanson Hills	H	3:00
Mon. Feb. 23	State Meet	A	TBA



SKI TEAM--(back row, left to right) Travis Potter, Ryan Stahl, Cameron McClain, Kyle Crawford, Derek Quick, Jessica Abfalter, Matt Thomas, Todd Robertson, Amanda Quick. (Middle Row, left to right) Ray Trudgeon, Bobby Long, Matt Mitchell, Jason Boreo, Eric Thompson, Colin Hunter, Josh Mueller, Joe Hughes, Coach Mike Wieland. (Front row, left to right) Matt Ginther, Megan Walker, Amanda Fortino, Andrea Elmy, Brooke Ginther, Katie Olson, Kim Hartman, Danielle McClanahan, Tanya Helsel, Paul Jansen.

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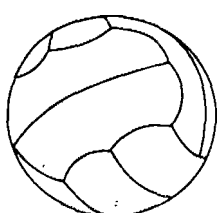
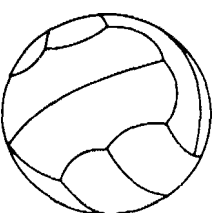
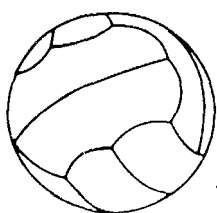
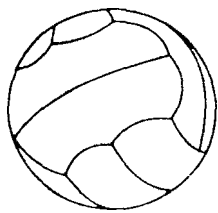
HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL--(Back row, left to right) Nicole Craigie, Krystal Savoy, Kathy Wyman, Nichole Osga, Erin Smith. (Middle row, left to right) Amy Godlewski, Jenny Phillips, Lindsay Voelker, Melanie Paxton, Kristi Cadeau. (Front row, left to right) Jamie McGuire, Mandy Trudgeon. Missing from photo: Coach Rebecca Brown, Coach Jenny Swander.

Varsity Volleyball

Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
Wed. Dec. 17	Gladwin & B.C. John Glenn @ B.C. John Glenn	A	6:15
Sat. Dec. 20	Roscommon Classic	A	9:00
Thurs. Jan. 8	Pinconning & Standish Sterling @ Standish Sterling	A	6:15
Sat. Jan. 10	Petoskey	A	9:00
Wed. Jan. 14	Valley Lutheran & Ogemaw Hgts	H	6:15
Sat. Jan. 17	Gaylord Invitational	A	8:30
Wed. Jan. 21	Tawas & Oscoda @ Oscoda	A	6:15
Sat. Jan. 24	Northwood Institute	A	9:00
Mon. Jan. 26	Whittemore-Prescott	H	6:00
Thurs. Jan. 29	Standish-Sterling & Valley Lutheran @ Valley Lutheran	A	6:15
Wed. Feb. 4	Gladwin & Pinconning	H	6:15
Sat. Feb. 7	Rogers City	A	9:00
Wed. Feb. 11	John Glenn & Oscoda @ Oscoda	A	6:15
Sat. Feb. 14	Subway Invitational	H	8:30
Thurs. Feb. 19	Tawas & Ogemaw Heights @ Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15
Mon. Feb. 23	Boyne City & East Jordan	H	6:00

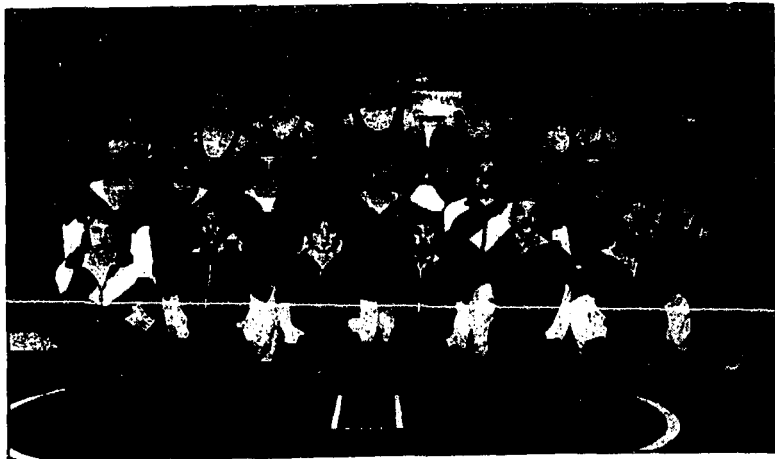
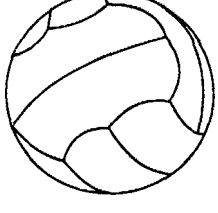
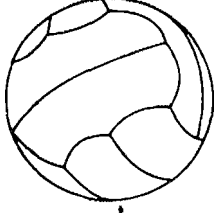
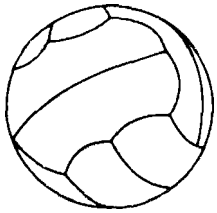
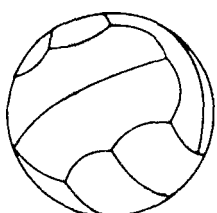


JV Volleyball

Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
Mon. Dec. 15	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:15
Wed. Dec. 17	Gladwin	H	6:15
Mon. Jan. 5	Tawas	A	6:15
Wed. Jan. 7	Pinconning	H	6:15
Mon. Jan. 12	Oscoda	A	6:15
Wed. Jan. 14	Bay City John Glenn	A	6:15
Sat. Jan. 17	Tawas Invitational	A	8:00
Mon. Jan. 19	Standish Sterling	A	6:15
Wed. Jan. 21	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	H	6:15
Sat. Jan. 24	Kalkaska	A	9:00
Mon. Jan. 26	Whittemore Prescott	H	6:00
Wed. Jan. 28	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	6:15
Mon. Feb. 2	Gladwin	A	6:15
Mon. Feb. 9	Pinconning & Saginaw Valley Lutheran @ Pinconning	A	6:15
Wed. Feb. 11	Oscoda	H	6:15
Mon. Feb. 16	Bay City John Glenn & Tawas	H	6:15
Thurs. Feb. 19	Standish-Sterling	H	6:15
Mon. Feb. 23	Saginaw Valley Lutheran	A	6:15



JV VOLLEYBALL--(Back row, left to right) Coach Donna Boughner. (Third row, left to right) Teresa Legg, Cheryl Papendick, Amy Doherty, Arica Wolcott, Jennifer Palmer. (Second row, left to right) Sarah McGuire, Carrie Cadeau, Mika Sumner, Brandy Ritter, Amanda Jones. (Front row, left to right) Danielle Niederer, Emily Weaver.



VARSITY WRESTLING--(Back row, left to right) Coach Jerry Weaver, William Cox, Alfred Borchers, Eric Albright, Nick Baynham, Joshua Quintano, Coach Don Ferguson (Middle row, left to right) Dave Shepherd, Marcus Weaver, Ben Malonen, Chris Peters, Jason Dasho, Raymond Pyle, Victor CdeBaca. (Front row, left to right) James McNamar, Larry Baker, Marianne Vollmer, Matt Evon, Josh Niederer, Nate Niederer.

Varsity Wrestling

Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
Thurs. Dec. 4	Alpena & Gaylord @ Gaylord	A	6:00
Sat. Dec. 6	Roscommon Tournament	A	9:00
Thurs. Dec. 11	Petoskey & Rogers City	H	6:00
Sat. Dec. 13	Mason County Tournament	A	10:00
Thurs. Dec. 18	Gladwin & Bay City John Glenn @ Bay City John Glenn	A	6:00
Sat. Jan. 3	Gladwin	A	9:00
Thurs. Jan. 8	Standish Sterling & Valley Lutheran	H	6:00
Thurs. Jan. 15	Mancelona & Traverse City Central @ Traverse City Central	A	6:30
Sat. Jan. 17	Ithaca Tournament	A	10:00
Thurs. Jan. 22	Oscoda & Ogemaw Heights	H	6:00
Sat. Jan. 24	Whittemore Invitational	A	10:00
Thurs. Jan. 29	Pinconning & Tawas @ Tawas	A	6:00
Sat. Jan. 31	Gaylord Invitational	A	10:00
Thurs. Feb. 5	Roscommon & Charlevoix	H	6:00
Sat. Feb. 4	NEMC Tournament @ Pinconning	A	TBA
Wed. Feb. 18	MHSAA Team Districts	TBA	TBA
Thurs. Feb. 19	MHSAA Team Districts	TBA	TBA
Sat. Feb. 21	MHSAA Individual Districts	TBA	TBA



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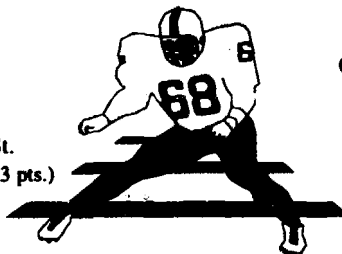
Football Contest

Christopher Callahan was the winner of week # 16, with a perfect score of 25. Good Job! Sandy Gennrich and Pat Merrill followed with 21 correct, and 10 others followed with 20 correct. Out of 193 entries, only 11 thought that Barry Sanders would not get his 13th consecutive 100-yard rushing week.

Overall leaders through Week #16

Last week's winners:

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| 1. Detroit (3 pts.) | 10. New Orleans |
| 2. N.Y. Giants (3 pts.) | 11. Green Bay |
| 3. Pittsburgh | 12. Kansas City |
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| 5. Baltimore | 14. Chicago |
| 6. Jacksonville | 15. Youngstown St. |
| 7. Indianapolis | 16. McNeese St. (3 pts.) |
| 8. Atlanta | 17. N. Colorado |
| 9. N.Y. Jets (2 pts.) | 18. Yes |



- Donnie Forbes, 216
Kim Schmidt, 212
Nancy Gingerick, 211
Christopher Callahan, 210
Robert A. Gennrich, 209
Julie Gates, 208
Mark Hartman, 208
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Tiebreaker 3 (total points scored in game 9)

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

1. Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertisers listed will be invalid.
2. One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
3. Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI, 49738.
4. Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
5. Winners may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming a prize.

Weekly Prizes

- *Sports cap--Scheer Motors
- *Mystery gift--Sylvester's
- *\$10 gift certificate--Grayling Glen's Market
- *\$10 gift certificate--Abel Auto Parts
- *Lunch for 2 at Charlie's Country Corner - Fick & Sons
- *\$1 off one lunch - Sawmill
- *Free hat--McLean's Ace Hardware
- *One free lunch, a \$6.95 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
- *Free lube, oil and filter--Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc.
- *\$50 from the Crawford County Avalanche

Overall Prizes

- *Free lube, oil & filter--Scheer Motors
- *Mystery gift--Sylvester's
- *\$10 gift certificate--Grayling Glen's Market
- *Free lube, oil & filter--Don Nester
- *\$50 off any purchase--Abel Auto Parts
- *\$50 gift certificate--Comfort Center
- *Sunday brunch for two and swim room, a \$50 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
- *Power Driver - DuBois Lumber Co.
- *\$100 and one year free subscription--Crawford County Avalanche

To be a weekly winner:

1. Write your prediction for game one on entry form.
2. Write the advertiser's name on entry form for game one. All the advertisers must be included.
3. Fill out rest of entry form this way including your three tie-breaker predictions (total points scored by both teams).
4. Return the entry form by 5 p.m. Friday to the Avalanche. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. Mail entries must be postmarked Friday or earlier. No late entries accepted. No exceptions.
5. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.

To win the overall prizes:

1. Each time you turn in an entry form you'll receive points for your correct picks. Most games will be worth one point. (All games for week 1 are worth one point each.) Later in the season, certain games will be designated as bonus point games worth more than one point. The biggest bonus point game will be at the last week of the contest.
2. You don't have to enter each week to be eligible to win but if you play each week, you'll have more chances to win points.
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18. Air Force vs. Oregon

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Senior Citizens League	Northwood League
Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us.....36 1/2-23 1/2	Millikin's.....36 1/2
Stevens Family Circle.....32-28	Rochette's.....36
Baynham Wood Products.....32-28	Wakeley's Auto Parts.....31 1/2
Buccilli's Pizza.....31-29	Milltown Carpet.....28
Cornell Realty.....28-32	R. Calkins & Sons.....26
Totten's Body Shop.....28 1/2-31 1/2	Rich's Cycle Service.....23
Sylvester's Sports.....26-34	Helsel Brothers.....24
Flowers by Josie.....26-34	R & M Masonry.....19
Men's High Game: K. Harris, 233, 204; L. Essiambre, 228; G. Wolfe, 211.	High Game: S. France, 203; M. Starks, 190; D. Boonie, 188.
Men's High Series: K. Harris, 605; G. Wolfe, 557; L. Essiambre, 537.	High Series: S. France, 543; T. Jones, N. Glasslee, 506; W. Sheldon, 484.
Women's High Game: R. Joyce, 195; A. Payne, 189; R. Stimpson, 176.	
Women's High Series: R. Joyce, 533; M. Tarr, 476; R. Stimpson, D. Mead, 453.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles	Cartoon League
Moshier Auto Repair.....46-14	Looney Tunes.....26-7
Charlies Country Corner.....36-24	Scooby Doo's.....24-9
AJD Forest Products.....34 1/2-25 1/2	Ninja's.....23-10
Aunt Betty's.....27 1/2-32 1/2	3 Stooges.....15-18
Suttles.....27-33	Rug Rats.....13-20
A. Bulldog Towing.....26 1/2-33 1/2	Goose Bumps.....12-21
Fick & Sons.....25-35	Aristocats.....11-22
Sawmill.....17 1/2-42 1/2	Flinestones.....8-25
Men's High Game: M. Campbell, 208; M. Sumner, 195; L. Rioux, 191.	High Game: Male: J. Dreasky, 121; Female: B. Yanniello, 106.
Men's High Series: L. Helsel, 538; M. Campbell, 514; R. Moshier, 504.	High Series: Male: R. Starks, 209; Female: B. Yanniello, 172.
Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 171; Y. Schreiber, 170; S. Sumner, 166.	Most Pins over Average: Male: M. Cousins, 49; Female: B. Yanniello, 54.
Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 469; B. Lozon, 448; Y. Schreiber, 439.	Most Pins over Series: Male: M. Cousins, 9; Female: B. Yanniello, 36.

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Tin Cops.....19-14	Phantoms.....17-27
Space Jammers.....12-21	Women in Black.....17-27
Wild Natures.....9-24	Natural Born Killers.....15-29
Paul Bearers.....8-25	Kung Fu Mania.....10-34
High Game: Male: K. Fedak, 152; Female: K. Davis, 125.	High Game: Male: D. Wilhelm, 185; Female: N. Strohpaal, 167.
High Series: Male: K. Fedak, 260; Female: K. Davis, 211.	High Series: Male: D. Wilhelm, 475; Female: N. Strohpaal, 453.
Most Pins over Average: Male: K. Fedak, 44; Female: A. Prosser, 39.	Most Pins over Average: Male: S. Lozon, 47; Female: A. Sturdivant, 41.
Most Pins over Series: Male: J. Todd, 9; Female: C. Prosser, 14.	Most Pins over Series: Male: D. Stocker, 79; Female: D. Mathey, 44.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE

THE 1998 CRAWFORD COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will conduct the annual 1998 Crawford County Organizational Board Meeting on Monday, January 5, 1998, at 9 am, in the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds
12/03/97

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TEDDIE L. CANNOY AND KAREN J. CANNOY, HUSBAND AND WIFE TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS, HOME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE now known as USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgage, dated July 15, 1992, and recorded on July 15, 1992, in Liber 345, on page 73, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claims to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty five thousand seven hundred twenty seven and 19/100 Dollars (\$55,727.19), including interest at 8.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on January 14, 1998.

Said Premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 32, Sherwood Forest, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 63 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.324(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 4, 1997

USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT
ATTORNEY FOR Mortgagee:
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodard Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
4-11-18-25-1

MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chad Alan FLOWERS, A single man, Individual to American Heritage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 1, 1995 and recorded on December 7, 1995 in Liber 404, on Page 337, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB (f/a First Security Savings Bank, FBS, as assignee by an assignment dated December 1, 1995 which was recorded on December 7, 1995, in Liber 404, on Page 345, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two and 59/100 dollars (\$43,742.59), including interest at 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, January 28, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of Lot numbered 12 and all of Lot numbered 13, Northern Ausable Acres, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 31, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 18, 1997

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Grayling Township Building Department Procedure and Fee Schedule adopted by the Grayling Township Board on 8-12-97, will become effective January 1, 1998. Copies of the new procedure and fee schedule are available at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Monica Ashton
Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a public hearing at 7:00 PM on January 7, 1998 in the County Building at a Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the re-zoning of areas in Beaver Creek Township.

The areas to be re-zoned are:

- Four Mile Road area at the 251 interchange including areas east of Old 27 and south to Five Mile Road easterly approximately 1000 feet to the area zoned Industrial. Excluding the area of small tracts along Five Mile Road and also properties bordering the west side of I-75 from Four Mile Road to Five Mile Road westerly 1000 feet. A change from Heavy Service Commercial (11SC) to Community Services Commercial (CSC).
- And the areas along Military Road to King Road be changed from Agricultural (AR) and Resource Development-Military (RD-M) to (LDR).

Documents are on file at the Office of the Building & Zoning Department for your inspection.

Comments may be sent to: Building & Zoning Department, 200 W. Michigan Avenue -Annex Building, Grayling, MI 49738

Jack Mahank - Chairman

ORDINANCE NO. 14

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY NON-EXCLUSIVE ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the non-exclusive right, power and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. **GRANT TERM.** The TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the extent that it has the authority to grant, the non-exclusive right, power and authority to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances, for the purpose of transmitting transforming and distributing electricity on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. **CONSIDERATION.** In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. **CONDITIONS.** No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's structures and equipment shall be so placed on either side of the highways as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes. All of Grantee's wires carrying electricity shall be securely fastened so as not to endanger or injure persons or property in said highways. The Grantee shall have the right to trim trees if necessary in the conducting of such business, subject, however, to the supervision of the highway authorities.

SECTION 4. **HOLD HARMLESS.** Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein granted, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. **EXTENSIONS.** Said Grantee shall construct and extend its electric distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish electric service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. **LIMITATION OF GRANT.** Grantee understands and accepts that Grantor has limited ownership and control over the rights of way in Beaver Creek Township and Grantee agrees to additionally obtain all necessary permission, easements and other approval from the County Road Commission, State Highway Department and any other entities exercising ownership, control and/or jurisdiction over these rights of way.

SECTION 7. **RATES.** Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Township for electric energy furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate electric rates and rules regulating such service in said Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Township, acting by its Township Board, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 8. **REVOCAION.** The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. **MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION.** Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to electric service in said Township.

SECTION 10. **REPEALER.** This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of an electric ordinance adopted by the Township Board January 2, 1968 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

and amendments, if any to such ordinance whereby and electric franchise was granted to Consumers Power Company (now known as Consumers Energy Company).

SECTION 11: **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof, provided, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Township and Grantee.

We certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 8th day of December, 1997.

Lee Riley,
Township Supervisor

Attest: Sharon Hartman,
Township Clerk

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 24th day of November 1997
Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at

7:30 p.m.
Members present: Stevens, Golnick, Brown, Palmer, Ruddy. Members absent: None. Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, George Johnson, Deb Golden, Jim Golden, Rex Thomas, Dennis Palmer, 1 Student, Fay Bovee, Bob Bovee, Tim Smith, John Meharg, Larry Akers, Norm Bancroft, Terry Wright, Dick Milliman, Dennis Long.
Moved by Brown, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of November 10,

1997 be approved as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; motion carried.
Citizens who wish to speak. None.
Communications were received and noted.
October 1997 Finance Report. Ms. Brown asked question on Finance Report regarding city building roof and air conditioners expenses which was answered by the City Manager and Mayor. Question from Palmer regarding I.T. on Finance Report. She also asked if we ever change auditors. Mayor Stevens replied not if they are doing a good job. Council can change

auditors when their contract is up for renewal.
Emergency Services Council Minutes of November 12, 1997. Larry Akers is Coordinator for E.S.C.M.
Grayling Housing Commission Minutes of November 14, 1997.
Downtown Sno-Removal Memo. Mr. Stevens spoke regarding this meeting and how it is good to get all concerned involved.
Crawford County Board Meeting Minutes of November 7, 1997 and Agenda for November 25, 1997 Meeting.

Old Business.
Moved by Ruddy, supported by Brown to set a Public Hearing for Monday, January 12, 1998 for proposed rezoning to allow construction of apartment dwellings. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; motion carried.
Review 1997 Report of City Compensation Committee. No changes were made.
Reports of City Manager.
Kirtland Community College to collect Summer Taxes of 1998.
Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens to collect the Summer 1998 taxes for Kirtland Community College as we have done in the past years. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; motion carried.
Trash pick-up will be on Mondays as of December 1, 1997 instead of Fridays.
Terry Wright's communication to Council Members reference co-operation between City and Township.
City Treasurer Verma Meharg is resigning as of December 5, 1997 to take a new job in the private sector in Gaylord.

Reports of Council Members.
Mr. Ruddy asked about condition of salt truck, if it needs to be replaced. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Morford noted that Mr. Morford and Mr. Doby are checking into different trucks and will prepare bids for Council to consider.
Ms. Palmer asked about getting new equipment. Mr. Morford and Mr. Doby have been working on getting specifications ready to put up for bids and will report back to Council.
Adjournment.
Moved by Stevens, support by Golnick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE NO.

Adopted: 12/09/97

Effective: 12/17/97

An ordinance to regulate partitioning or division of parcels or tracts of land; enacted pursuant but not limited to Michigan Public Act 288 of 1967, as amended, and Act 246 of 1945, as amended, being the Township General Ordinance statute, to provide a procedure therefore; to repeal any ordinance or provision thereof in conflict herewith; and to prescribe penalties and enforcement remedies for the violation of this ordinance.

TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS: SECTION 1: TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Lovells Township Land Division Ordinance.

SECTION II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to carry out the provisions of the State Land Division Act (1967 PA 288, as amended, formerly known as the Subdivision Control Act), to prevent the creation of parcels of property which do not comply with applicable ordinances and said Act, to minimize potential boundary disputes, to maintain orderly development of the community, and otherwise provide for the health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Township by establishing reasonable standards for prior review and approval of land divisions within the Township.

SECTION III: DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this ordinance certain terms and words used herein shall have the following meaning:

- "Applicant" - a natural person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or combination of any of them that holds an ownership interest in land whether recorded or not.
- "Divide" or "Division" - the partitioning or splitting of a parcel or tract of land by the proprietor thereof or by his or her heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors or assigns, for the purpose of sale or lease of more than one year, or of building development that results in one or more parcels of less than 40 acres or the equivalent, and that satisfies the requirements of Sections 108 and 109 of the State Land Division Act. "Divide" and "Division" does not include a property transfer between two or more adjacent parcels, if the property taken from one parcel is added to an adjacent parcel; and any resulting parcel shall not be considered a building site unless the parcel conforms to the requirements of the State Land Division Act, or the requirements of other applicable local ordinances.
- "Exempt split" or "exempt division" - the partitioning or splitting of a parcel or tract of land by the proprietor thereof, or by his or her heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors or assigns, that does not result in one or more parcels of less than 40 acres of the equivalent.
- "Forty acres or the equivalent" - either 40 acres, a quarter-quarter section containing not less than 30 acres, or a government lot containing not less than 30 acres.

SECTION IV: PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENT FOR LAND DIVISIONS

Land in the Township shall not be divided without the prior review and approval of the Township assessor, or other official designated by the governing body, in accordance with this ordinance and the State Land Division Act; provided that the following shall be exempted from this requirement:

- A parcel proposed for subdivision through a recorded plat pursuant to the State Land Division Act.
- A lot in a recorded plat proposed to be divided in accordance with the State Land Division Act.
- An exempt split as defined in this Ordinance, or other partitioning or splitting that results in parcels of 20 acres or more if each is not accessible and the parcel was in existence on March 31, 1997 or resulted from exempt splitting under the State Act.

SECTION V: APPLICATION FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL

An applicant shall file all of the following with the Township assessor or other official designated by the governing body for review and approval of a proposed land division before making any division either by deed, land contract, lease for more than one year, or for building development:

- A completed application form on such form as may be approved by the Township Board.
- Proof of fee ownership of the land proposed to be divided.
- A survey map of the land proposed to be divided, prepared pursuant to the survey map requirements of 1970 Public Act 132, as amended, (MCL 54.211) by a land surveyor or licensed by the State of Michigan, and showing the dimensions and legal descriptions of the existing parcel and the parcels proposed to be created by the division(s), the location of all existing structures and other land improvements, and the accessibility of the parcels for vehicular traffic and utilities from existing public roads.
- Proof that all standards of the State Land Division Act and this Ordinance have been met.
- If a transfer of division rights is proposed in the land transfer detailed information about the terms and availability of the proposed division rights transfer.
- The payment of any fee established by the Township to cover the costs of review of the application and administration of this Ordinance and the State Land Division Act.
- Proof that taxes are paid on the parent parcel or parent tract.

SECTION VI: PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL

- The Township assessor or designee shall approve or disapprove the land division applied for within 45 days after receipt of a complete application conforming to this Ordinance's requirements and the State Land Division Act, and shall promptly notify the applicant of the decision, and if denied, the reasons for denial.
- Any person or entity aggrieved by the decision of the assessor or designee may, within 30 days of said decision appeal the decision to the Township Board which shall consider and resolve such appeal by a majority vote of said Board at its next regular meeting or session affording sufficient time for a 20 day written notice to the applicant (and appellant where other than the applicant) of the time and date of said meeting and appellate hearing.
- The assessor or designee shall maintain an official record of all approved and accomplished land divisions or transfers.
- Approval of a division is not a determination that the resulting parcels comply with other ordinances or regulations.
- The Township and its officers and employees shall not be liable for approving a land division if building permits for construction on the parcels are subsequently denied because of inadequate water supply, sewage disposal facilities or noncompliance with any other ordinance or statute, and any notice of approval shall include a statement to this effect.

SECTION VII: STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF LAND DIVISIONS

A proposed land division reviewable by the Township assessor shall be approved if the following criteria are met:

- All parcels created by the proposed division(s) meet the minimum width requirements of the Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance for the particular zoning district in which the property is located.
- All such parcels contain the minimum square feet or acreage required in the particular zoning district in which the property is located under the Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance.
- All parcels created by the proposed division meet the depth-to-width ratio required by M.C.L. 560.109(1)(b).
- The proposed land division(s) comply with all requirements of this Ordinance and the State Land Division Act.
- All parcels created and remaining have existing adequate accessibility, or an area available therefor, for public utilities and emergency and other vehicles.

SECTION VIII: CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH LAND DIVISION APPROVAL REQUIREMENT

Any division of land in violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall not be recognized as a land division on the Township tax roll and no land use thereon which requires the prior issuance of a construction or building permit shall be allowed. The Township shall further have the authority to initiate injunctive or other relief to prevent any violation of continuance of any violation of this Ordinance.

An unlawful division or split shall also be voidable at the option of the purchaser and shall subject the seller to the forfeiture of all consideration received or pledged therefor, together with any damages sustained by the purchaser, recoverable in an action at law.

SECTION IX: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any portion of this ordinance other than said part or portion thereof.

SECTION X: REPEAL

All previous Land Division Ordinances affecting unplatted land divisions in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed; however, this Ordinance shall not be construed to repeal any provision in any applicable Zoning Ordinances, Building Codes or other ordinances of the Township which shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any land division approval hereunder.

SECTION XI: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication following its adoption.

TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS
CHERYL HOPP, CLERK

NOTICE ROAD COMMISSION HEARING FOR 1998 BUDGET ADOPTION

The Road Commission Budget for 1998 will be presented and adopted during the regular meeting of December 26, 1997. The public hearing on the budget is set for 11:00 am. in the board room of The Road Commission For Crawford County, which is located at 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan.

By: J. Briney, Managing Director
For: Ray Swiercz, Chairman
Bill Gannon, Vice-Chairman
Bob Nelson, Member

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING beginning at 7 pm on Tuesday, December 30, 1997, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

Case 97-11C: Randy Charles & Connie Stephens - Petitioners
2394 Sandy Trail
Grayling, MI 49738
Property Code: 040-017-004-160-00
Location: 2394 Sandy Trail
Sec. 17, T26N, R2W

A request for a Conditional use Permit to allow a snowmobile and small engine repair shop as an in-home occupation in existing accessory building.

Case files and zoning map may be inspected at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours. Correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361, or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Townline Road over W. Branch Big Creek

The Road Commission For Crawford County
Crawford County Michigan

Sealed Proposals will be received from contractors having current Michigan Department of Transportation prequalification, by The Road Commission For Crawford County, at the Road Commission office, 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 1:00 p.m. local time on Friday, January 16, 1998, at which time all proposals will be opened and read aloud.

The project work consists of replacement of existing culvert with steel pile supported, precast, three-sided culvert, constructing road approaches and erosion controls.

The Instructions To Bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at The Road Commission For Crawford County offices, and also at the office of the Engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., P.O. Box 576, 12608 Taylor Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720. Bidding documents may be purchased from the Engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per set. The Michigan Department of Transportation Standard Specifications For Construction, 1990 edition, is also part of the contract.

Each Bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association or corporation, has not either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. Failure to submit the signed statement, as part of the bid proposal will result in rejection of the bid.

This is a federal aid project under the provisions of Section 113 of Title 23 U.S.C., as amended by the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1988. The Davis-Bacon Act is applicable and requires the Secretary of Labor to determine the minimum wage rates to be paid by the contract and sub-contractors, which rates will be given in detail in the proposal.

The MDOT contractor prequalification is 40 Fa, 40 E, 40N95C.

The project is subject to 60% limitation on Subcontracting.

A certified check or bidder's bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal will be required with each proposal.

No bid may be withdrawn for thirty days after the bid opening date.

The Bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond for 100 percent of the total contract amount.

The Road Commission For Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

The Road Commission For Crawford County
By: James Briney, Managing Director
For: Ray Swiercz, Chairman

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of December 14-20

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Get the important things out of the way early so you can focus your attention on relaxation and fun. The answer to a crucial question is closer than you think. You'll get the support you need and the encouragement you seek from an unexpected source.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Think problems through before taking any action. Rushing ahead now could lead to bigger problems in the future. Opportunity is knocking and people in authority are watching to see how you'll respond. You get a favorable answer to a financial question.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Other people oppose your plans but you'll be able to sidestep them and get the job done. Be willing to see things as others do. A fresh approach can work wonders. You're closer to achieving your goal if you're willing to compromise. Be low-key to make the best impression.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Be enthusiastic about your plans and move ahead with confidence. Don't be embarrassed. Others share your feelings but look for you to take the lead. Your abilities and approach attract supporters. Don't get so caught up in activities that you neglect friends and family. Be willing to take some quiet time.

LEO

July 23-August 23

Tough problems could force you to go back to the basics. Don't panic—things will work out if you take your time and make sure you've covered everything. A friend or family member wants to help and offers a good suggestion. Be willing to listen. Splurge on a small luxury or treat for yourself.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Remember that no great breakthrough comes without a lot of pushing. Be persistent and keep plugging away. Pretty soon it will pay off and you'll understand people and situations clearly. Someone is working behind the scenes on your behalf. You have an ally in an unexpected place.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Work to see the big picture and refuse to get bogged down by unnecessary details. Situations are changing rapidly and you don't want to get left behind. This can lead to conflicts, but try to stay on the sidelines until the smoke clears. You'll come out ahead that way.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

You like to be in control, but realize you have to step back sometimes or allies and friends will be driven off. Your financial picture may be unclear but things will work out in your favor if you give it time. An evening out may give you a fresh perspective on people.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Trouble may be brewing and you may be in the middle of it—or you could be called upon as a peacemaker. Either way, expect things to get hectic. See things as they really are, not as you want them to be. A small gift works wonders at smoothing over conflicts.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Now is the time to finish rather than start projects. You'll soon have a chance to test some recently developed skills. You'll come through with flying colors and people in authority will notice. Focus on the task at hand and refuse to be sidetracked. You get a compliment from a longtime admirer.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

You have to build your own foundation for security. Determine what is really important to you and then keep working toward it. You may have to make some choices, but keeping your objective in mind makes it easier. You get information from behind the scenes. Use it wisely.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

People around you may be under a strain. Refuse to get drawn into long running battles. You'll accomplish more by steering a neutral course. You don't have to compromise, just don't get involved in the battle. Your partner may have unreasonable demands. Just do what you can and don't sweat it.

For Entertainment Purposes Only



HOME NEEDED - 12 week old Labrador retriever mix. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter at Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Santa's Chocolate P B & J Thumbprint Cookies

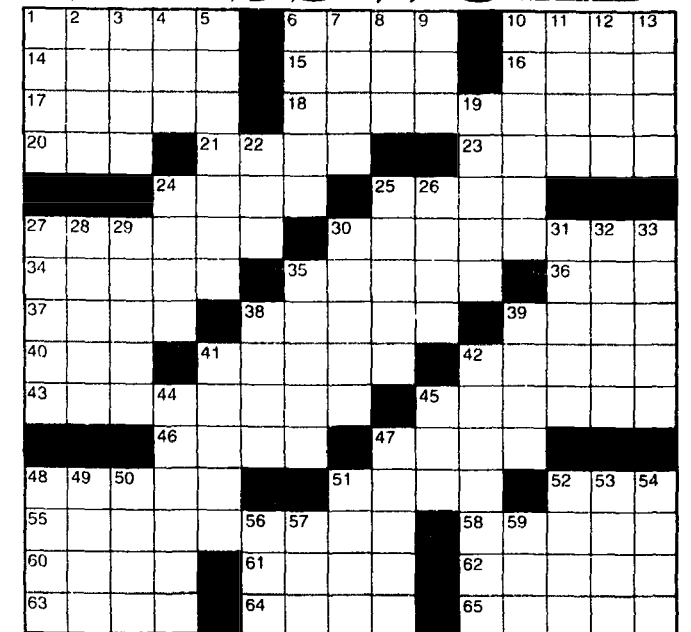
2 C. semi-sweet chocolate mega morsels, divided
1 1/2 C. all-purpose flour
1 1/2 t. baking powder
1/4 t. salt
1 C. granulated sugar

MICROWAVE 1 1/2 C. morsels in medium, microwave-safe bowl on HIGH (100%) power for one minute; Stir. Microwave at additional 10 to 20 second intervals, stirring until smooth; cool to room temperature. Combine flour, baking powder and salt in small bowl. Beat sugar, peanut butter, butter and vanilla in large mixer bowl. Beat in melted chocolate. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Cover; chill for 45 minutes or just until firm. SHAPE into 1 1/2-inch balls; press thumb into tops to make about 1/2-inch deep depressions. Place on

ungreased baking sheets. BAKE in preheated 350°F oven for 9-12 minutes or until sides are set but centers are still slightly soft. Let stand for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Dust with powdered sugar. Fill each depression with jelly. Place remaining morsels over jelly centers.



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Guzzlers' sounds
6. Radius' companion
10. "Careless Whisper" group
14. Customary
15. Playwright Simon
16. Roof projection
17. Fish
18. Yacht's wind-indicating strings
20. More, to Miguel
21. Composer Satie
23. La Boheme, e.g.
24. Early Ron Howard role
25. Former inhabitant of Mauritius
27. Gazed
30. Beetle
34. More ancient
35. Nonprofessionals
36. Blues singer Mahalia
37. Walt Kelly comic
38. Manhandles
39. Silent
40. Smog-watching gp.
41. Covered with fuzz
42. Army doc
43. Military rank
45. Second
46. Deserters
47. Perform again
48. Where Eliza disgraced herself
51. Noire (Shostakovich ballet)
52. Globe

DOWN

1. U.S. naval station locale
2. Annapolis school (abbr.)
3. Totes
4. Close friend
5. Futuristic Woody Allen film
6. Free from bondage
7. Onion's cousin
8. sine numine (Colorado's motto)
9. From soup to nuts
10. Combat instrument
11. Nathan or Alan
12. Affirm with confidence
13. Verde National Park
19. Before tomorrow
22. Exterminate
24. Cookie some unscrew
25. Each 24 hours
26. Selects
27. Urban and innocent
28. Marry secretly
29. Candice's father
30. Pleasure trip
31. Liszt piece
32. Like Ellington's "Doll" Throw out
33. Suburbanites' prides
35. Rampart surrounder
39. Office note
41. Of A Salesman
42. With-it folks
44. Cavern
45. N.Y. ballplayer
47. Showed a film again
48. No ifs, or buts
49. Peeved
50. Rocky peak
51. Cara's song
52. Ferocious creature
53. Santa
54. Begotten by design
56. Bro's sib
57. Three, to Gina
59. Process suffix

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST

FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO

December 18, 1974

Navy Seaman Daniel L. Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garth A. Meyer of Roscommon, has completed Basic Electricity and Electronics School at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Frederic Boy Scout Pack 978 held their Christmas play and potluck supper at the Sportsman's Hall on Dec. 15. There was a very good turnout and Santa Claus dropped in.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hartman attended their son Vern's graduation Saturday at Central Michigan University.

Senior Turn-About Day at the Elementary school was a success. The 15 Seniors took on different positions in the school for two days. It was a valuable experience for all involved.

George Stancil spent six weeks in Hartford, Conn., attending insurance school for the Cornell Agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hinkle and family and Mrs. Bobbie Coon and sons were at Albion for the Hinkle Christmas party. There were 75 present at the home of Ralph Trine.

A week ago Sunday, Mrs. Leonard Knibbs accompanied by her son Jim, and Valerie Benfield, attended the production "Dalm and Giliad" in which Holly had a part. The play was put on by Justin Morrill College of MSU, which Holly attends.

Sister Mary Janice Belen of St. Lawrence Hospital, Lansing was a weekend guest of Mrs. Sal Tuettner.

Navy Airman Recruit Clyde C. Buchanan, son of Mrs. Grace Galvani of Grayling graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Youth Bureau meeting held at Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel in the Chippewa Room on Dec. 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene "Dick" Lobsinger of Grayling are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Dec. 12 and weighed 7 lbs. and 15 ozs. She has been named Melissa Kay.

A son, Thomas Clarence, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Bunker of Vanderbilt on Dec. 16. He weighed 7 lbs. and 9 ozs. at birth.

Army Private Brian L. Biesak, son of Mrs. Alice M. Biesak and Ernie Biesak, of Grayling, completed a tracked vehicle mechanic course at the U.S. Army Armor School, Ft. Knox, Kent.

46 YEARS AGO

December 20, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Parsons are happy over the arrival of a little daughter on Dec. 12th.

Marlene Jansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jansen of Hartwick Pines, student at Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City, plans on spending Christmas vacation with her parents.

Patricia Stephan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norval Stephan, student at Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City, plans on spending Christmas vacation at her home here.

Dick Rasmussen is home from Michigan State College to spend the holidays with his parents, the Harold Rasmussens.

Mrs. Carl Richardson was hostess to the Tuesday Bridge Club last week. Mrs. Don Gothro held high score and Mrs. Dale Pettengill second high. Mrs. Alfred Sorenson was a guest.

Mrs. Charles Moshier was the lucky winner of the candy house given away by the Woman's Club.

Allen Leng made a trip to Detroit Wednesday, driving home a new Dodge.

Mrs. Julia Waldron and son Christopher of Midland spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear. The Bear's have moved into the former Laage residence.

69 YEARS AGO

December 20, 1928

Seven million brook trout eggs and 250,000 brown trout eggs were taken at Grayling hatchery this fall and are now hatching. This is the

largest number of brook trout eggs ever taken in a Michigan hatchery and is a fine achievement on the part of Supt. Zalsman and his associates.

Township Treasurer Alfred Hanson made a bargain with his wife that promises to be rather expensive according to reports. Mrs. Hanson was offered half commission on all taxes collected before Christmas as her Christmas present. He little realized what a hustler his wife is and now instead of waiting until after Christmas most of the largest tax payers are paying up before and more are coming every day.

Looks like winter sports about next week. The toboggan slide will be ready if the weather continues to be cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank X. Tetu are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son, Frank X. III, born Monday, Dec. 17 at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Earl Spencer has arrived from Detroit to make his home for the winter with his sister, Mrs. Mae Dixon. She expects her father, William Spencer to come from Detroit soon to make his home here indefinitely.

State Police stationed on M-76 near West Branch during hunting season report that 1,500 deer were transported by autos past their station. They also had a record of 14 moose, 22 bear, six coyotes, two foxes, and two wild cats.

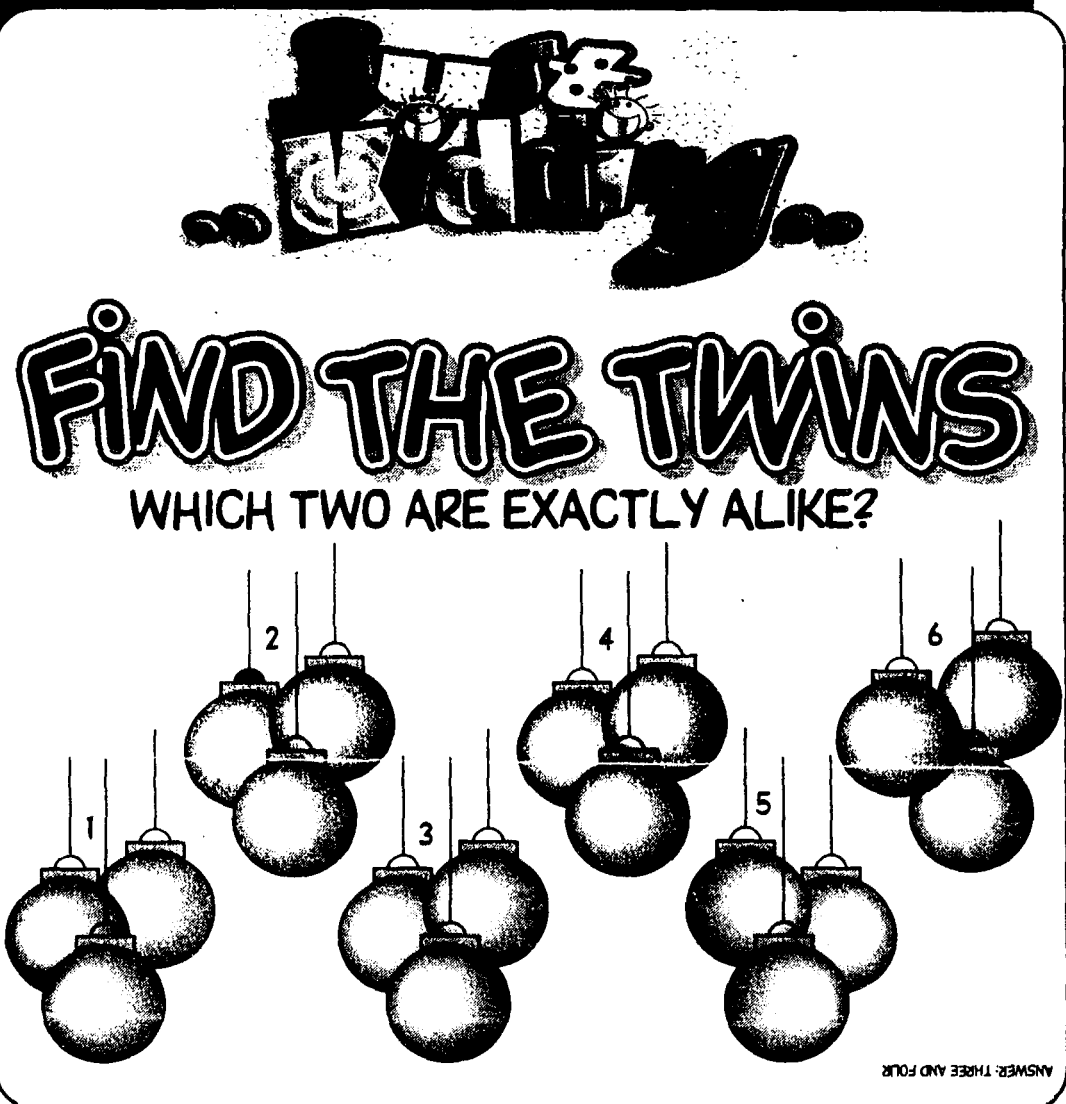
92 YEARS AGO

December 21, 1905

Dr. Insley is prepared for any storms that may come with a modern covered cutter with a storm front. It is a dandy.

Ben Jerome is home from the Agricultural College for the holiday vacation. He is always welcomed by our young people.

A.E. Hendrickson, the tailor, has moved his shop to his residence on the South Side.



ANSWER: THREE AND FOUR

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip	Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 40, Night, mostly cloudy. Lows mid 20s to 30; Thursday, Dry, Highs 40 to 45; Friday, Rain or Snow showers possible, Highs 40 to 45, Lows 30 to 35; Saturday, Chance of Snow, Highs 30s, Lows 25 to 30.
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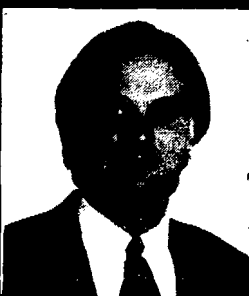
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CORNER LOT WITH BEAUTIFUL TREE COVER This custom-built home is located in Davenport Acres, just minutes from town, close to AuSable River and trail systems. Master bedroom features Jacuzzi, shower, walk-in closets and doorwall. Skylite in bath, office or nursery room 7x7, and frosted maple kitchen cabinet. Insulated and heated garage with laundry tub. Concrete driveway, sidewalk and paved streets. \$155,000. CH-670



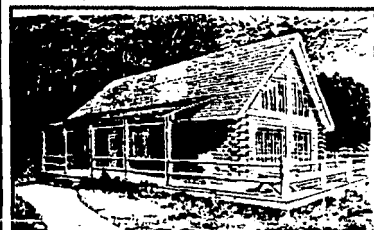
JUST THINK! You could be the owner of this home and 3 cottages, and add extra money to your income. Half block from Lake Margrethe, end of a cul-de-sac. The main home offers 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 788 sq. ft. basement. Nice mix of wood, tile, carpet, nicely landscaped. New roof in 1995, water heater, hot-water heater in 1996. Two septic systems installed in 1993. \$112,000. CS-678



NEW CONSTRUCTION - IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Quality craftsmanship - custom ranch - all built upon a choice wooded parcel with no thru traffic. Great room features vaulted ceilings, island bar, doorwall onto a 12x20 deck, master bedroom suite, oak cabinets, hot-water baseboard heat, covered front porch, and driveway with apron. \$96,900. CH-659



COUNTRY PURE AND SIMPLE This 1,352 sq. ft. home offers gas heat, two bedrooms, one bath. Oak kitchen cabinets with two lazy susans, walk-in pantry, water softener, large living room/dining room combination, two bay windows, new 8x12 shed, 28x14 carport. Air conditioning. County-maintained road. \$54,000. CS-666



256' FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE RIVER Sellers are licensed builders and have several finish options. Exterior finished, 1/2-log siding with butt & pass corners, Andersen windows, skylite in master bedroom. Sinks stain. Shell status interior, interior partitions, no well, septic, plumbing, heating. Cedar decking, 8x40 covered deck, 2,104 sq. ft. including dormer in master bedroom. \$99,500. CH-684



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RANCH-STYLE HOME nestled amongst virgin pines on approximately one acre +/- Features include 917 sq. ft., LP forced-air heat, two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, woodstove in living room, walk-out patio door off dining area onto deck. Dishwasher, garbage disposal and washer/dryer included. Blacktop drive, two-car detached garage. New plumbing, electric and furnace, roof four years old. Thousands of acres federal land with Wakeley Lake across the road. AuSable River 1/2 mile, country store 1 1/2 miles. Reduced, \$54,500. CS-629



THREE ACRES with additional 6 1/2 acres available. Andersen windows, Blazeking woodstove, 12x20 barn, 24x24 garage, private setting. Just listed. \$47,000. Additional acreage at \$8,200. CH-673



BEAUTIFUL WOODED GROUNDS ON 9.85 ACRES WITH 319' ON E. BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER Two-bedroom, 1 1/2-bath offers 1,232 sq. ft. with gas forced-air heat, 30x32 family-sized recreational room with woodstove, charming living room with brick gas-log fireplace with fantastic view of the AuSable River. Screened porch for outside entertaining. Paneling throughout, acoustic tile ceilings. Master suite offers private bath with garden tub and shower. 7x9 sauna off recreation room. Appliances include stove and refrigerator. Kitchen offers snack bar. Exterior cedar-shake siding, two-car detached garage. Four miles N.E. of Grayling. \$89,900. CS-687



LAKE MARGRETHE WITH PRIVATE FRONTAGE IN HUNTINGTON WOODS PARK Landscaped yard, abundance of wildlife. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, disposal, washer, dryer and all window treatments included. Knotty pine walls, recessed lighting in kitchen. Sliding glass door onto rear deck. ALL FOR \$92,500. CH-685



100' OF FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL CUB LAKE Entertaining is part of the real joy of owning this lakefront home. Three to four bedrooms, two baths, 1,824 sq. ft., open floor plan dramatizes kitchen, dining room and living room. Walk-out doorwall onto decks with fantastic view of Cub Lake. Kitchen offers bar, lazy susan. Cub Lake is a 53-acre, no-wake lake, electric motors only. Good swimming and fishing lake with sandy bottom. Plus much more. \$149,000. CS-685

1. Real Estate

AUSABLE MAINSTREAM Vacant lot, 200 ft. river frontage, above McMasters Bridge. Ideal building site. Private access, telephone and electricity. Hal broker. 348-5965. 4-11-18-24/1

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE OR RENT Two-three bedroom, vinyl sided, partial log home. New 4" well, furnace and carpet. Near AuSable River state land. Contact 517-348-7355. 12-4-97(f/1)

1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT 1,250 sq. ft., three bedroom, attached garage, 123'x165' lot, Karen Woods subdivision. 6174 Libby. \$72,500. 348-4840. 18-24-31-7/1

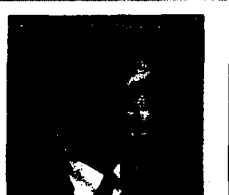
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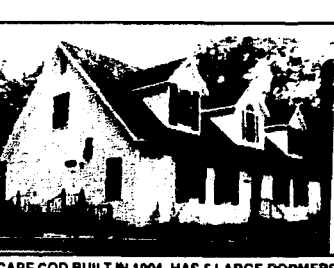
IDEAL FOR A LODGE, DAY CARE OR GROUP HOME Large rooms are a feature of this home situated on 40 acres. Satellite dish, Jenn-Air range, marble bathtub, woodburning furnace in the basement, 24x36 pole barn. Forty acres backs up to state land near Knell Lake. \$160,000. #JG-677



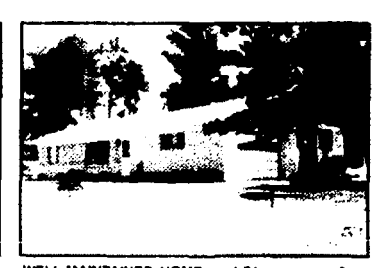
TURN-KEY COTTAGE - BRING LINENS, TOWELS AND FOOD, THAT'S ALL YOU WILL NEED Lake Margrethe access down the hill two blocks away. Completely furnished with Rittenhouse antiques. 680 sq. ft. of living space with 1 1/2 baths and full basement. Two-car attached garage. \$85,000. #JG-610



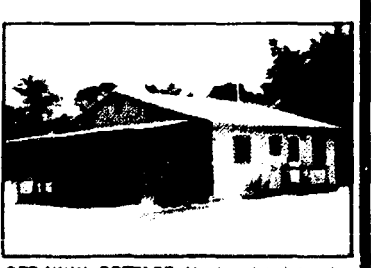
READY FOR OCCUPANCY Newly-constructed three-bedroom home features 1,440, two full baths, wood floors, kitchen and dining room, natural hickory cabinets, open floor plan, vinyl siding and two-car attached garage, tucked in 1.73 acres hardwoods close to town. Motivated seller! \$83,000. KM-529



CAPE COD BUILT IN 1994, HAS 5 LARGE DORMERS Across from state land. View & access to Lake Margrethe. Natural gas hot-water heat, 2 full baths. Ceramic tile, wood & carpeted floors. Victorian woodwork & 6-panel doors. White on white G.E. kitchen. Full basement with 8-ft. ceiling, gas fireplace. Terraced backyard with large deck. \$175,500. #JG-664



WELL-MAINTAINED HOME on 1.74 acres, excellent location on paved road. Heated sunroom with dog door. Attached garage with storage area, and access to large gravel space under entire house. New roof in 1997. Exterior painted in 1997, except some trim. Separate garage/storage building (22x38) with tool room. New septic in 1992. \$67,000. #JG-691



GET-AWAY COTTAGE Newly-painted interior and floor coverings go with this cute three-bedroom, one-bath retreat. Features porch, and woodstove heat for added comfort. Be ready to ride when the snow flies! \$39,900. #KM-343

#1 IN SALES VOLUME IN CRAWFORD COUNTY 1995 & 1996

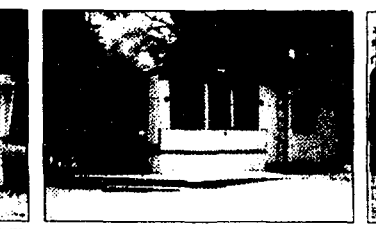
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Corner of 17th & Main St.
PO Box 172, Grayling, MI 49735

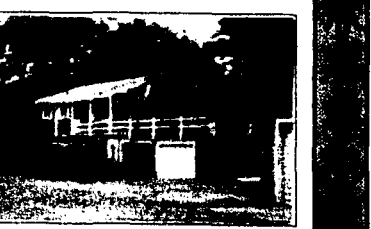
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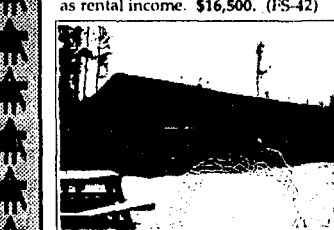
COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 West, between Grayling and M-93. Two-bedroom mobile included. 50x152 lot - ideal location for a small business, or use as rental income. \$16,500. (FS-42)



GREAT LOCATION for the hunter, fisherman or snowmobiler. Two-bedroom mobile includes stove and refrigerator. 14x20 garage to store the toys or purchase for rental income. \$19,900. (DL-97)



LAKE ACCESS to Lake Margrethe, just a stone's throw away. Four-bedroom home with garage, basement, fireplace and two baths. Second garage and large deck. \$139,900. Reduced to \$127,500. (FS-33)



AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM This 1,056 sq. ft. manufactured home has over 200' frontage, with two bedrooms and two baths, all on 5.1 acres. Includes all appliances, picnic table and canoe. Great fishing/wading area. \$95,900. Reduced, \$89,900. (DM-41)



HUNTERS, FISHERMEN AND SNOWMOBILERS One-room cabin with electricity, heat and water. Built-in bunks, outside john and a 20x24 garage with electricity and shower. Close access for the sportsman. \$18,900. (BK-37)



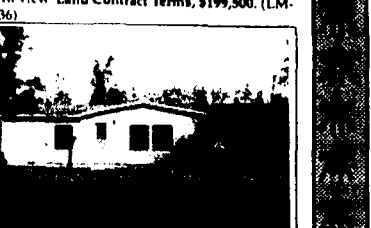
AUSABLE RIVER FLIES-ONLY Secluded location in the Holy Water, 546 ft. frontage, small pond and creek, foot bridge to island. Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, enclosed porch. Includes appliances. Large trees and an excellent view. Land Contract Terms, \$199,900. (LM-936)



NORTHERN CABIN Modern two-bedroom cabin, freshly painted, new carpet, new oak cabinets. Close access to state land, Manistee River, horse and snowmobile trails. \$29,900. (DL-69)



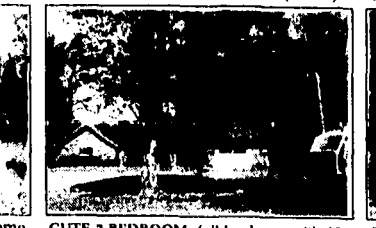
2-BEDROOM YEAR-ROUND HOME on 3 large lots, 900 sq. ft., 2-car garage with 2 attached carports, garden area & all appliances, only 4 years old. Lots of charm and only 1/2 mile from Bear Lake access. \$99,000. (DM-44)



LIKE-NEW HOME with three bedrooms, two baths, 1,344 sq. ft., 30x40 pole barn garage with 110 & 220 electric. Fenced-in garden area with fruit trees and more, on 4.93 acres. \$89,900. (DL-92)



LAKE MARGRETHE Pioneer log home, three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, sauna, two garages, observation sun deck, gazebo, over 600' frontage, nice trees and a breathtaking view. \$270,000. Reduced, \$259,900. (LM-933)



CUTE 2-BEDROOM, full-log home with 100' frontage on Lake Marjory, south of Waters on Old-27. 1-car garage w/ample storage. Guest house w/kitchenette & bath. Home has natural gas fireplace, recently-remodeled bath & kitchen. Excellent hunting area w/state land outside the door. Includes appliances. \$139,900. Reduced, \$119,900. (SG-22)



FAMILY HOME on three acres, three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wood heater, newer carpet, septic, roof and updating. Garage and workshop, lots of room with over 2,100 sq. ft. \$89,000. Reduced, \$83,000. (DL-66)

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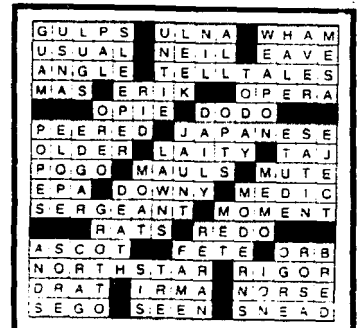
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7. Miscellaneous

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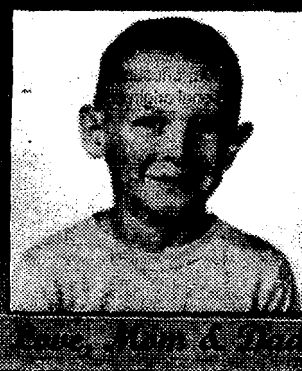
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Card of Thanks

To the City Council:
I would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you to Bob Golinick, Bob Ruddy, Marilyn Palmer and Mayor Stevens for voting to allow my husband to take an unpaid leave of absence to go on a relief mission to Russia.
My husband first found out in October that approximately 1 million Russian people would likely loose their lives sometime this winter. The Josh McDowell Ministries so moved my husband that he decided he wanted to help. He would be working 14-16 hour days for the entire two weeks he would be in Russia.

This is nobody's fault. To Miss Brown, I understand your concern. My husband had to use most of his vacation to go to Florida to visit his dad who is in poor health. My husband did in fact inform the city manager six weeks before you heard his request. The ministries needed this time to organize the moving of such a large amount of food and supplies.

Unfortunately, my husband did not find out until December 8th that he could receive the leave of absence and it is now too late.

We also needed all that time to obtain a visa and passport as well as time to raise the money needed to go. We also had to notify the ministries in advance to inform them of my husbands ability to go, as there is much planning involved on their end.

I just wanted to again thank the appropriate people involved for supporting my husband and for caring for people in need, people half-way around the world that you do not even know.

God says there is a special place in heaven for his people that love one another. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Michele J. Butzin

Also a special thank-you to Karl Schriener for offering to work my husband's shift so that it would not cost the city any money.

GUNSMITHING CLASSES offered at Kirtland Community College. Gunsmithing I and II on Wednesdays 5-9 p.m. Register for class January 14-16. Call (517) 275-5121, ext. 284. -18/9

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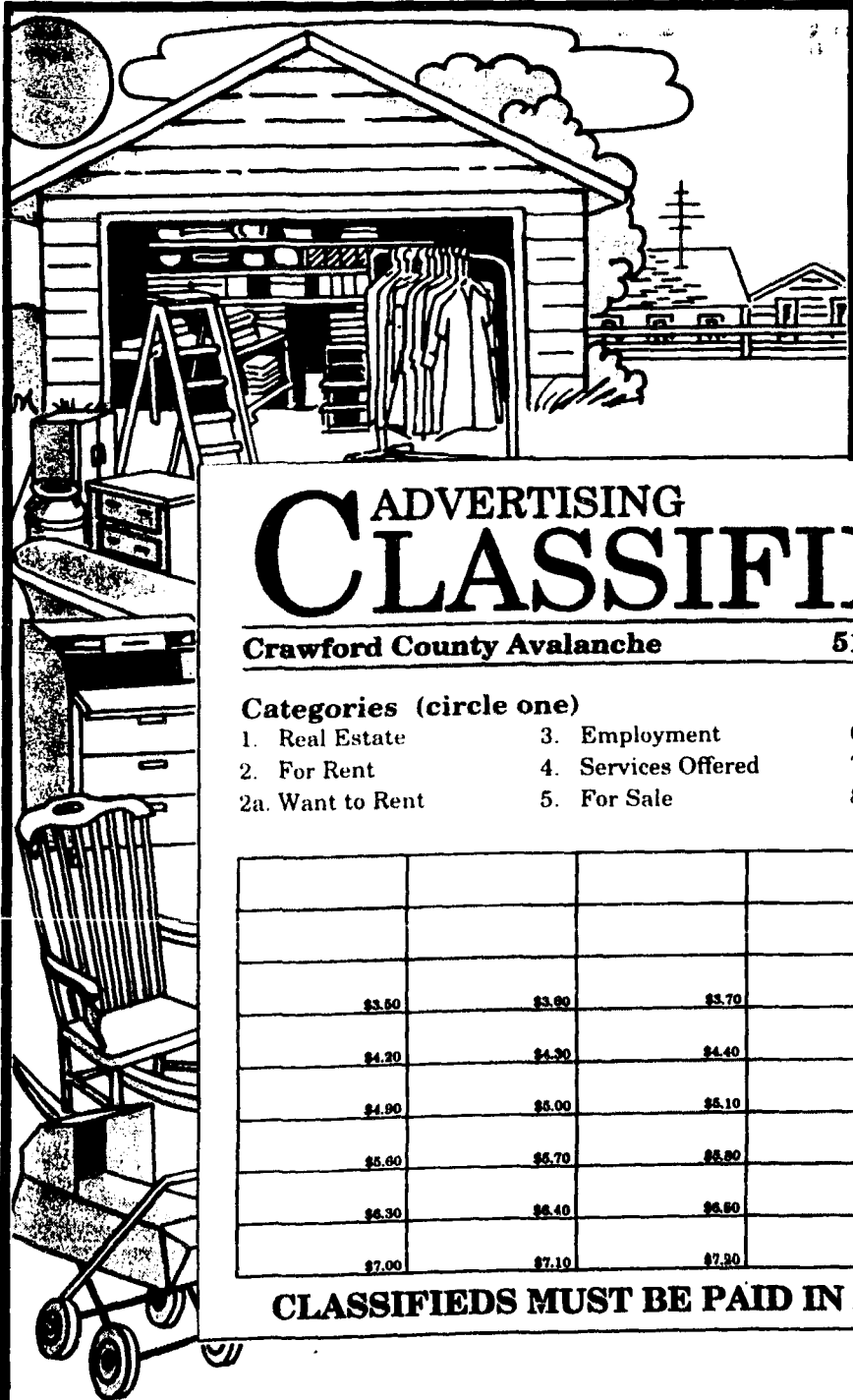
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Alpena unit receives first military aircraft; it will not fly

The Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) at the Alpena County Regional Airport has just acquired a very unusual aircraft.

The training site, operated by the Michigan Air National Guard and used by all military units, does not have any permanently assigned aircraft, although units have brought their military aircraft to the CRTC since the 1950s.

However, this state-of-the-art aircraft will never leave the ground. It is to be used primarily by military firefighters to learn how to combat an aircraft fire and perform rescues from very hazardous and unique environments.

Lt. Col. Gary Shutt, engineer at the CRTC, reports, "The purpose of this aircraft mockup is to train firefighters in actual hands-on live fire in aircraft emergencies. We formerly used fossil fuels and light them so that our firefighters could practice firefighting. However, using this mock aircraft is more environmentally sound, and our firefighters can now practice extracting occupants from aircraft. This device represents a quantum leap above anything I have ever seen or even heard of."

This system was designed by Pro-Safe Fire Systems of Markham, Ontario, and is built so that the training can be conducted in 10 different fire zones: 1) five different exterior fires which simulate a fuel spill, 2) cockpit fire, 3) passenger compartment fire, 4) cargo area fire, 5) fire burning through top of the fuselage, 6) static engine fire, 7) fire running from engine to the ground, 8) brake fire on one wheel, 9) strut fire on other wheel, and 10) running engine fire in tail.

Senior Master Sergeant Al Ratz, fire chief at the base, is excited about his new training aircraft.

"Now we can offer our firefighters better training than ever. I expect a number of military units will be coming to Alpena to train here. Hopefully we can also schedule some time for our counterparts at the civilian airports. We will also train our own base firefighters, since we are responsible for responding to both military and civilian emergencies at the Alpena County Regional Airport," Ratz said.

The mock aircraft has a number of unique features, including a high wing on one side and a low wing on the other, which simulates different types of aircraft. Smoke can also be created to make a realistic environment. The interior configuration of the aircraft can also be changed, so that firefighters entering the aircraft takes in practice, so that we can save

can experience different seating arrangements in advance of the "real thing." Propellers can be installed to simulate non-jet aircraft.

Ratz explained, "I really like the fact that these propane fires can also be shut down in less than 10 seconds. This safety feature is extremely important in case of an emergency. We want to provide our customers with very realistic training, but at the same time emphasizing safety."

Ratz continued, "Another unique feature that I really like is the high heat, low light video camera inside the aircraft. We can actually monitor the efforts of the firefighters while inside the aircraft. Later we can show them on video what they did right or wrong when extracting the 'occupants.' The key is to make any mis-

lives if called upon in a real emergency."

Colonel Terry McKenna, Commander of the Combat Readiness Training Center, reported that this mock training aircraft is the centerpiece of what he calls the Regional Fire Training Facility being developed at the Alpena Base.

He stated, "We want to give our customers—anyone who trains at the base—a total package of firefighting training, where they cannot only train on our new 'aircraft,' but also receive hands-on training in our smokehouse, forcible entry training building, or in our classroom environment. When they leave our base, I want them to be confident that they are ready for any emergency. The life they save may be yours or mine."

Holiday travel tips

Holidays are wonderful and exciting times of the year. They are also times when airports, train stations, hotels and other travel-related facilities are filled because of the high volume of people traveling. According to statistics, the most heavily traveled time of the year is the Christmas/New Year period. Traveling during this time of intense passenger congestion calls for a combination of long-range planning, flexibility and patience.

Early planning essential for smooth vacationing. Here are some travel tips from the American Society of Travel Agents:

- Book as early as possible. Airlines, hotels, cruise ships, tours and trains fill up fast this time of year.

- Plan departure for off-peak hours to avoid heavy crowds.

- Plan around holiday black-out dates, when lower fares are usually available.

- Inform your travel agent about special needs, seat preferences, special meals, wheelchairs, etc.

- Ask your travel agent about the cancellation policies of airlines, hotels, cruise and tour operators. Buy appropriate insurance in case you must cancel.

- Put down a deposit, prepay or use a credit card to guarantee your hotel reservation for late arrival.

- Call the airline to confirm your flight before you leave for the airport to double-check for delays or changes in the flight.

Once en route, here are more easy-travel suggestions

- Arrive at the airport at least two hours prior to flight time.

- Gifts are subject to security inspection, so when possible, pack gifts in checked luggage.

- Under baggage regulations, most airlines now allow only one or two pieces of carry-on luggage that must be small enough to fit under the seat directly in front of you or in an overhead compartment.

- When you arrive at your destination, properly identify your luggage. Many bags look alike.

- During holiday periods, delays are not unusual, perhaps due to weather conditions. Be prepared to arrive at your destination late.

- Place an identification card on the outside of each piece of luggage and a business card or some type of identification on the inside. This makes it easier to trace your luggage if it is misplaced.

- Keep a record of the contents of your luggage and copies of receipts for any gifts.

- Don't pack medicine, jewelry, cash, business papers, passports or other valuables in luggage that you plan to check.

- Keep records of credit card numbers, passport numbers and traveler's cheque numbers in a safe, but separate place from the original document.

- Carry most of your money in traveler's cheques, but also carry cash in small denominations for tipping and taxis.

- If you encounter a problem at the airport, such as lost luggage, a missed connection, or a flight cancellation, ask to speak to the customer service representative of your airline.

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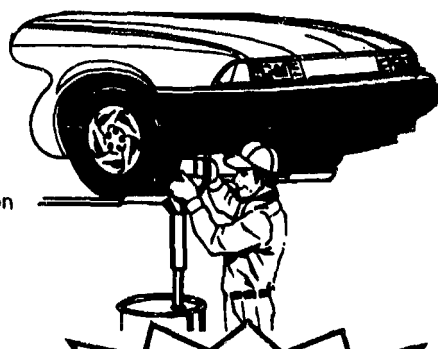
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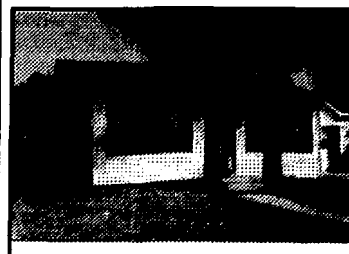
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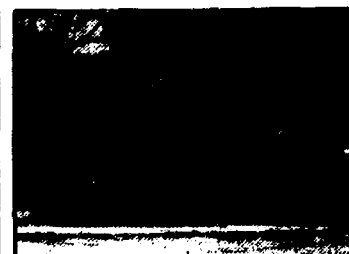
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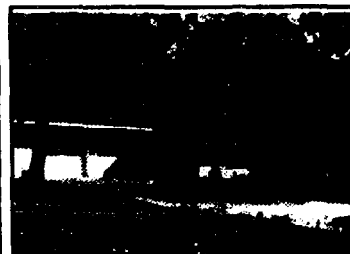
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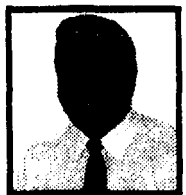
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